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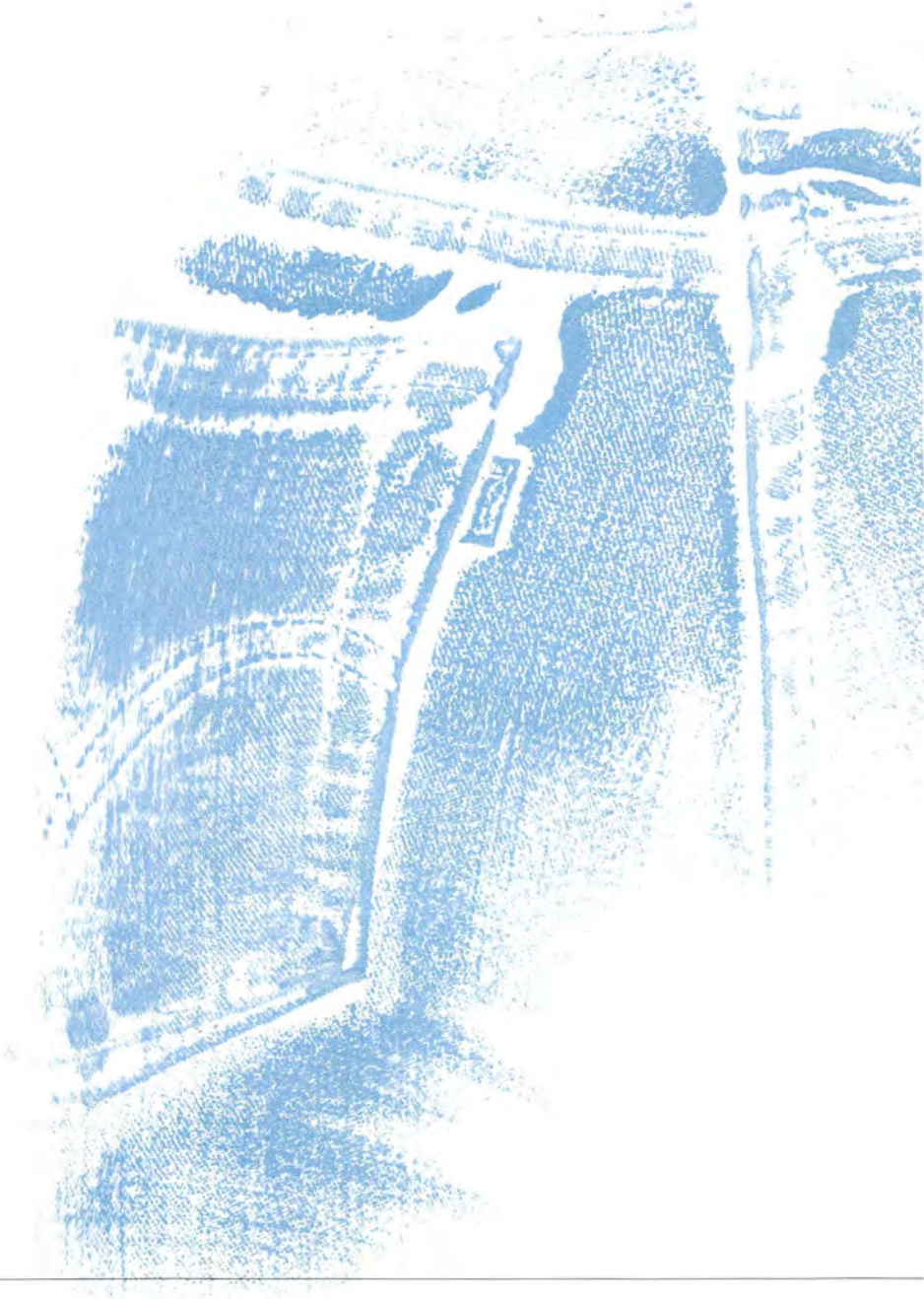

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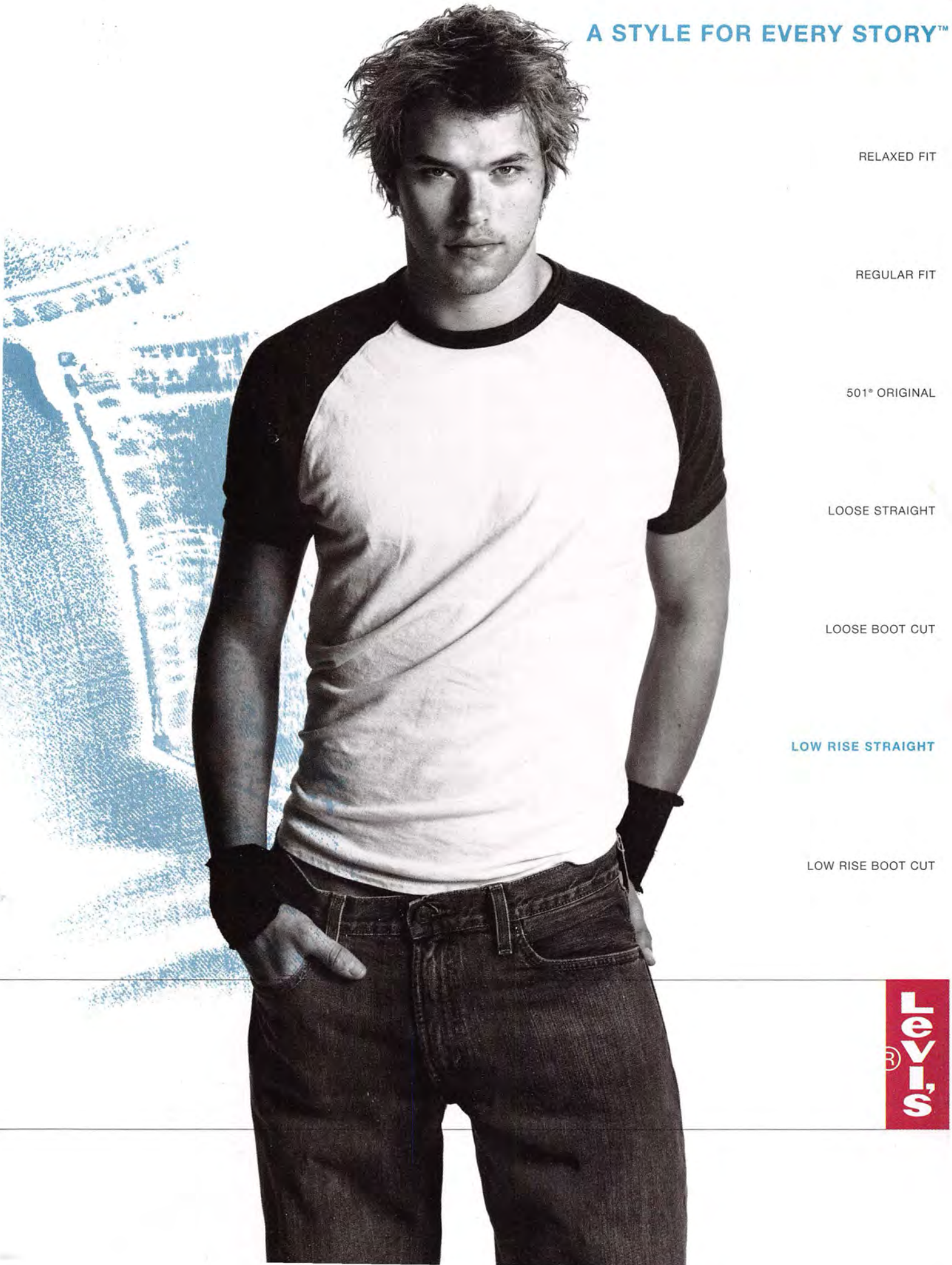
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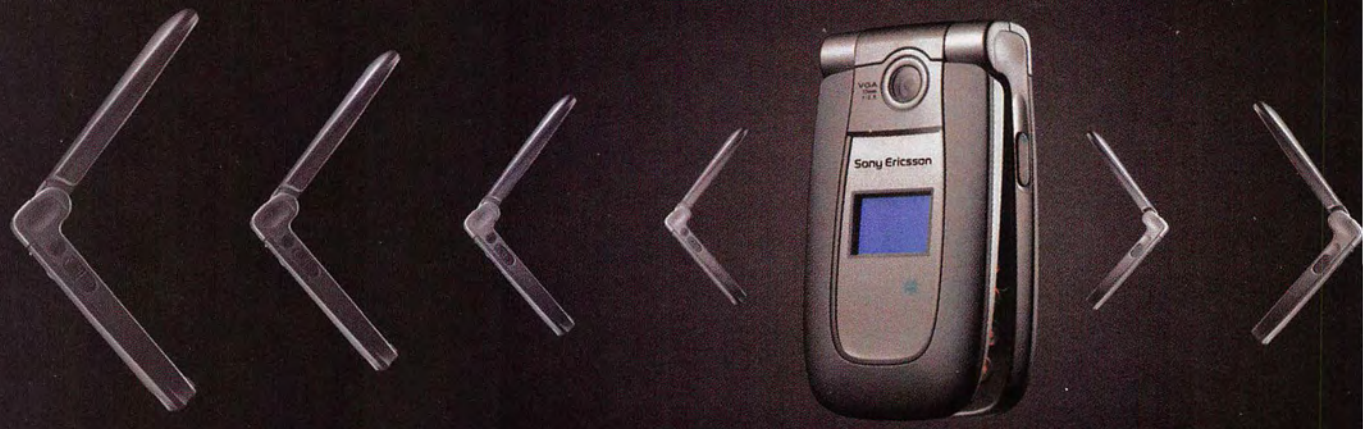
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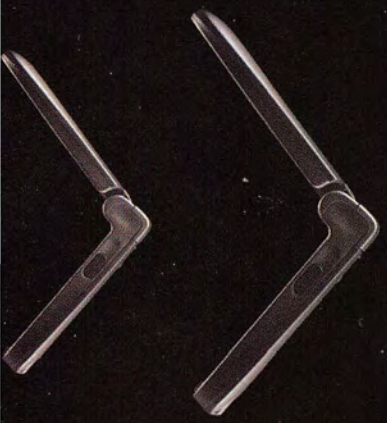

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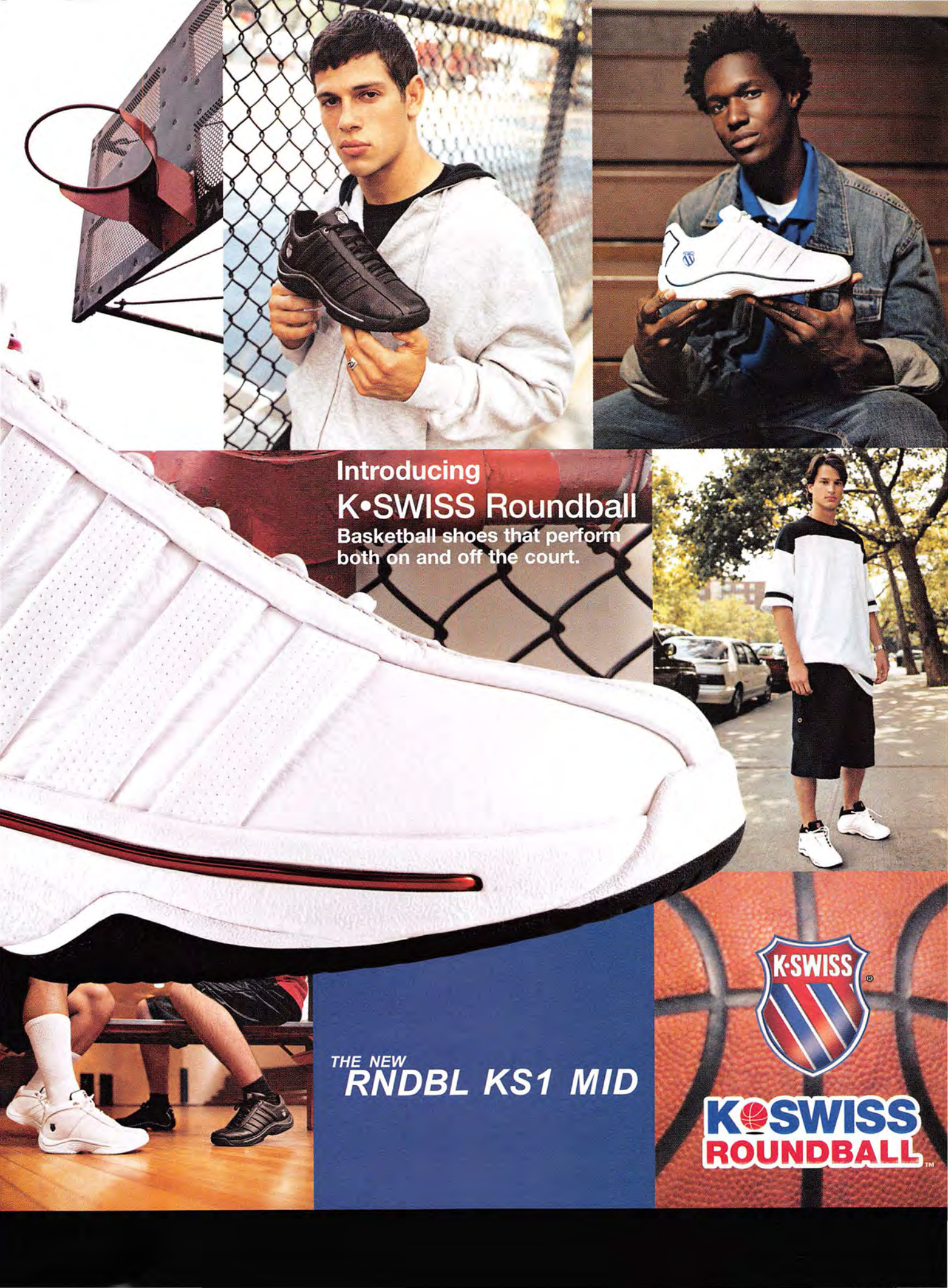
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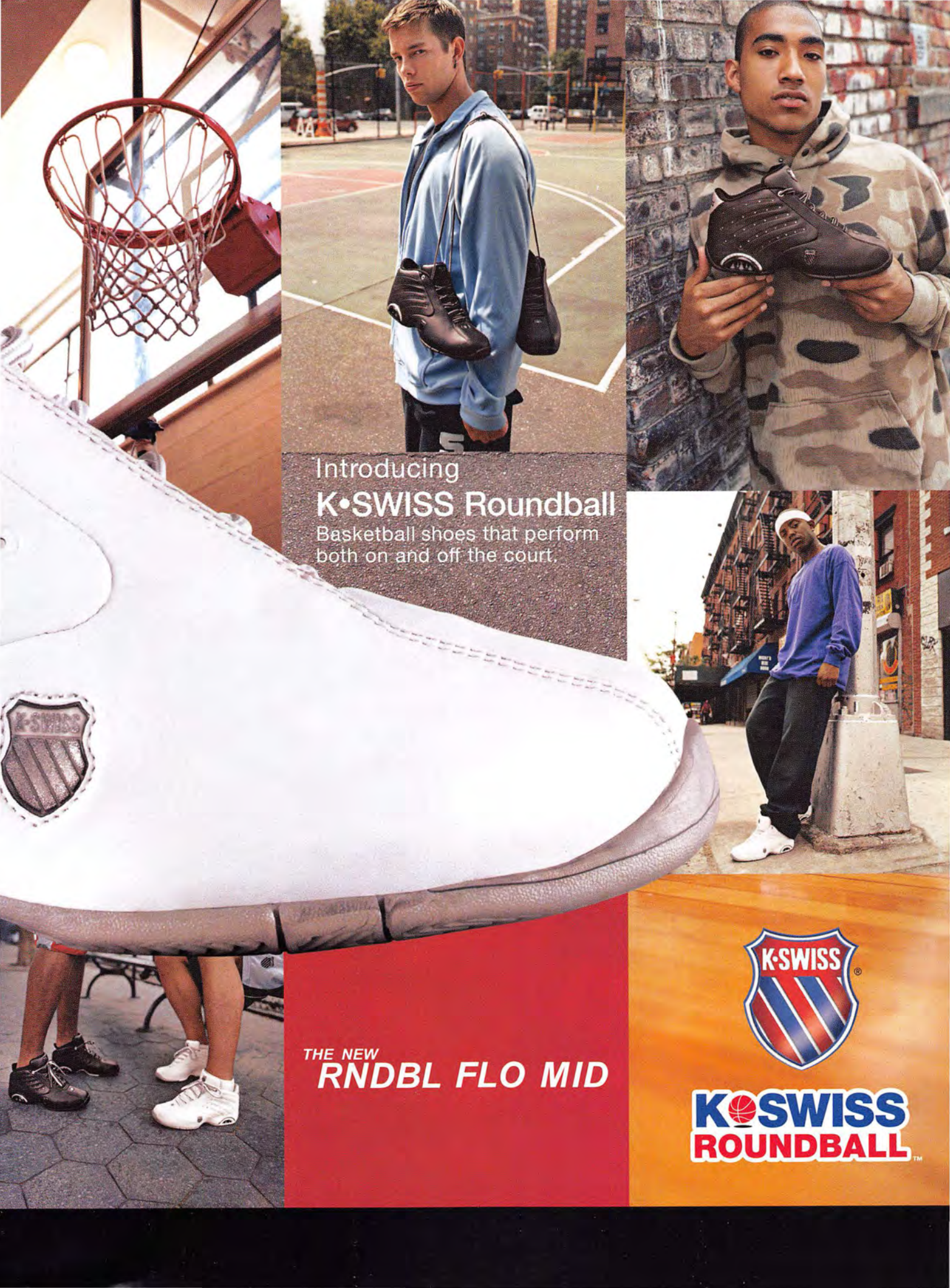
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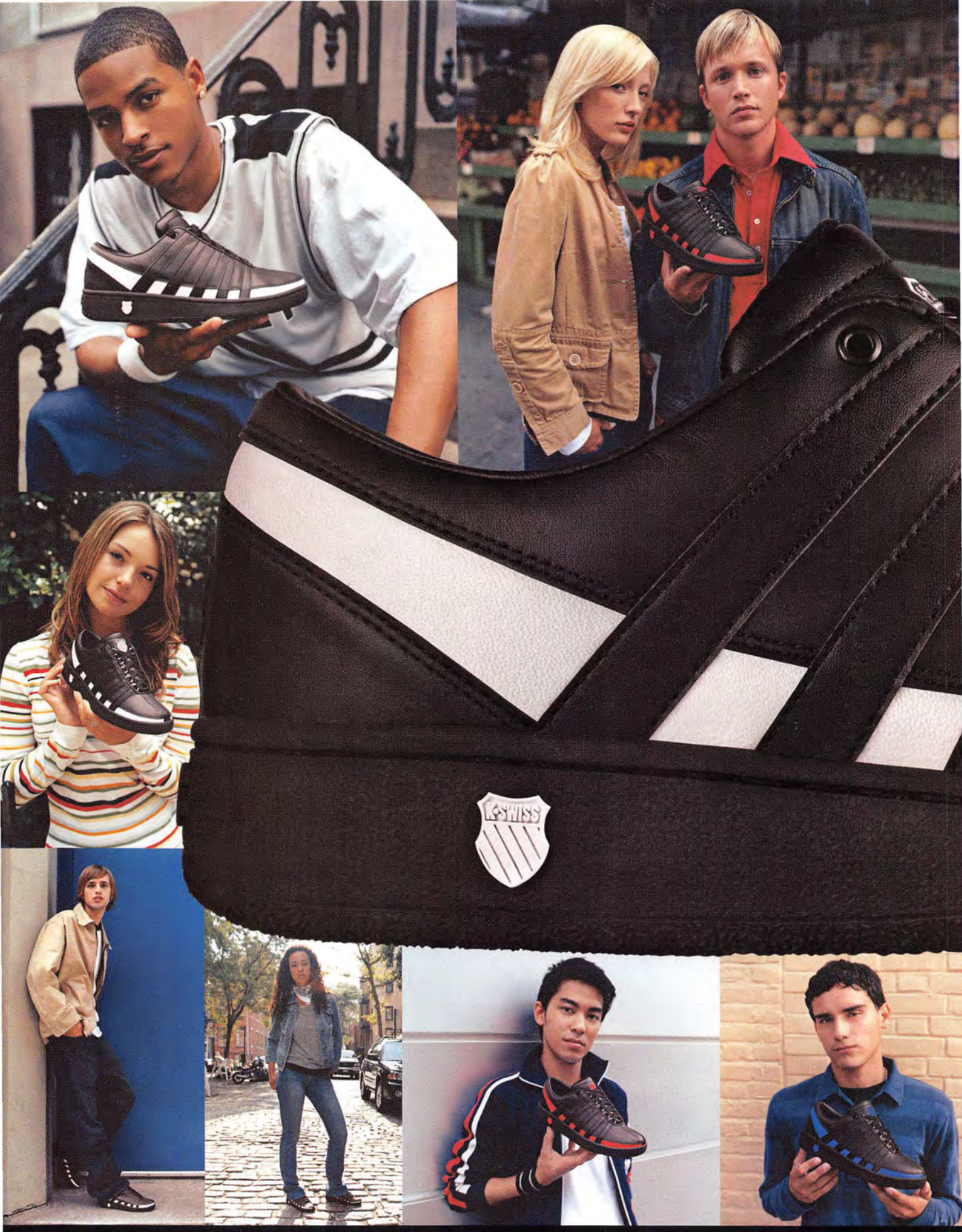

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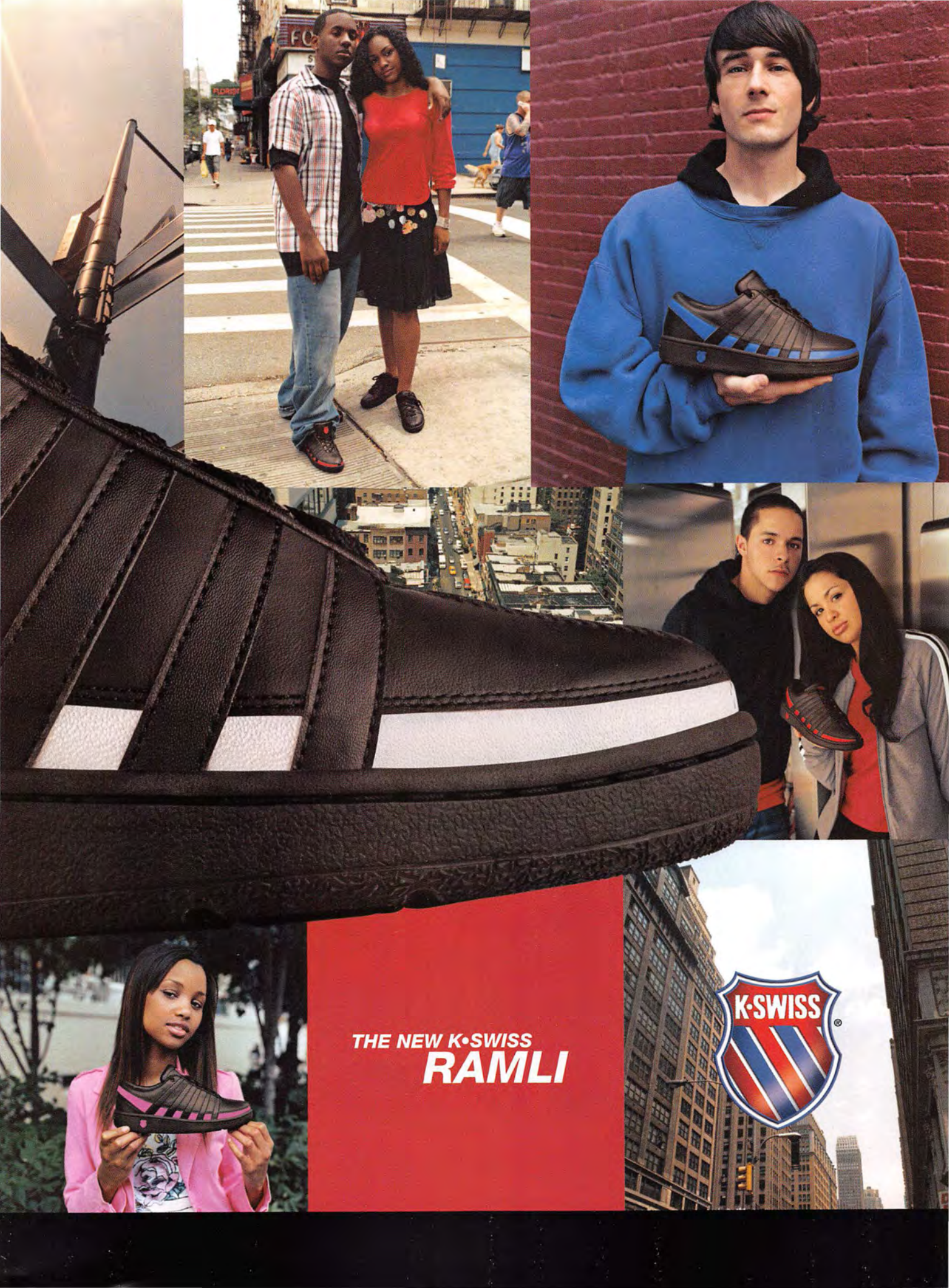
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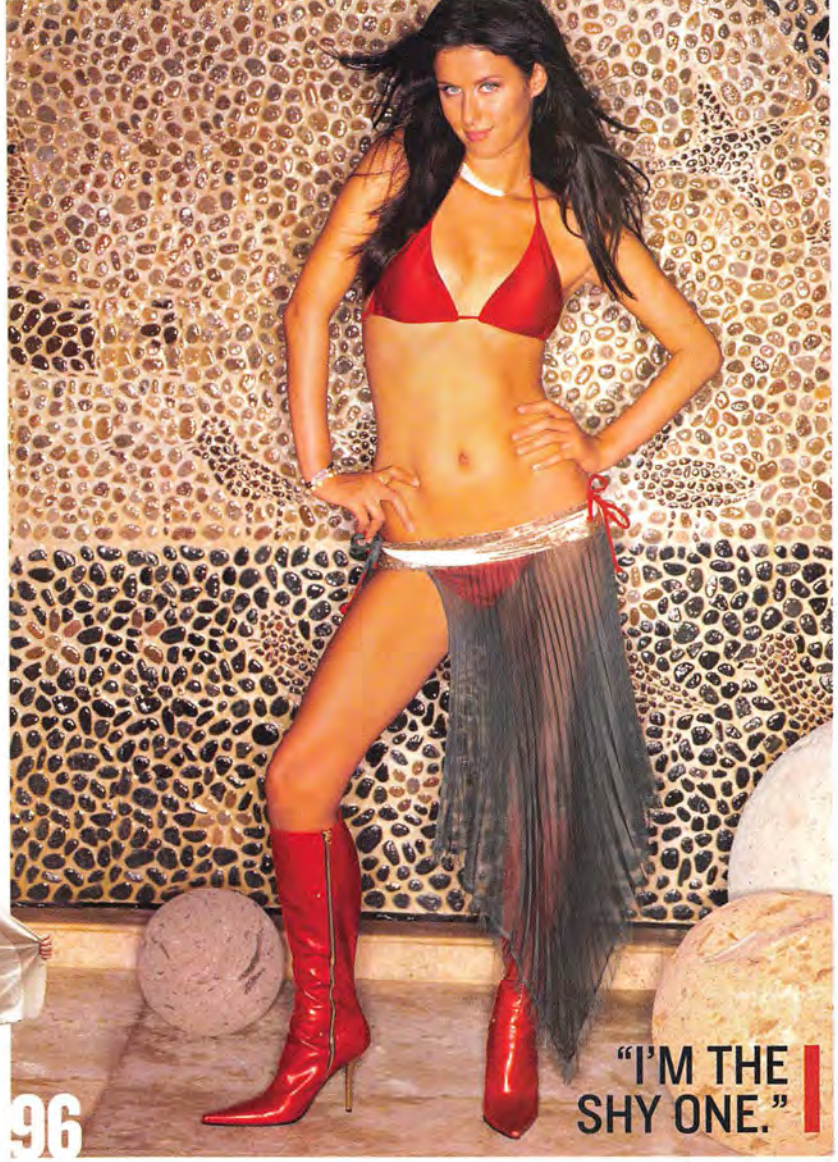

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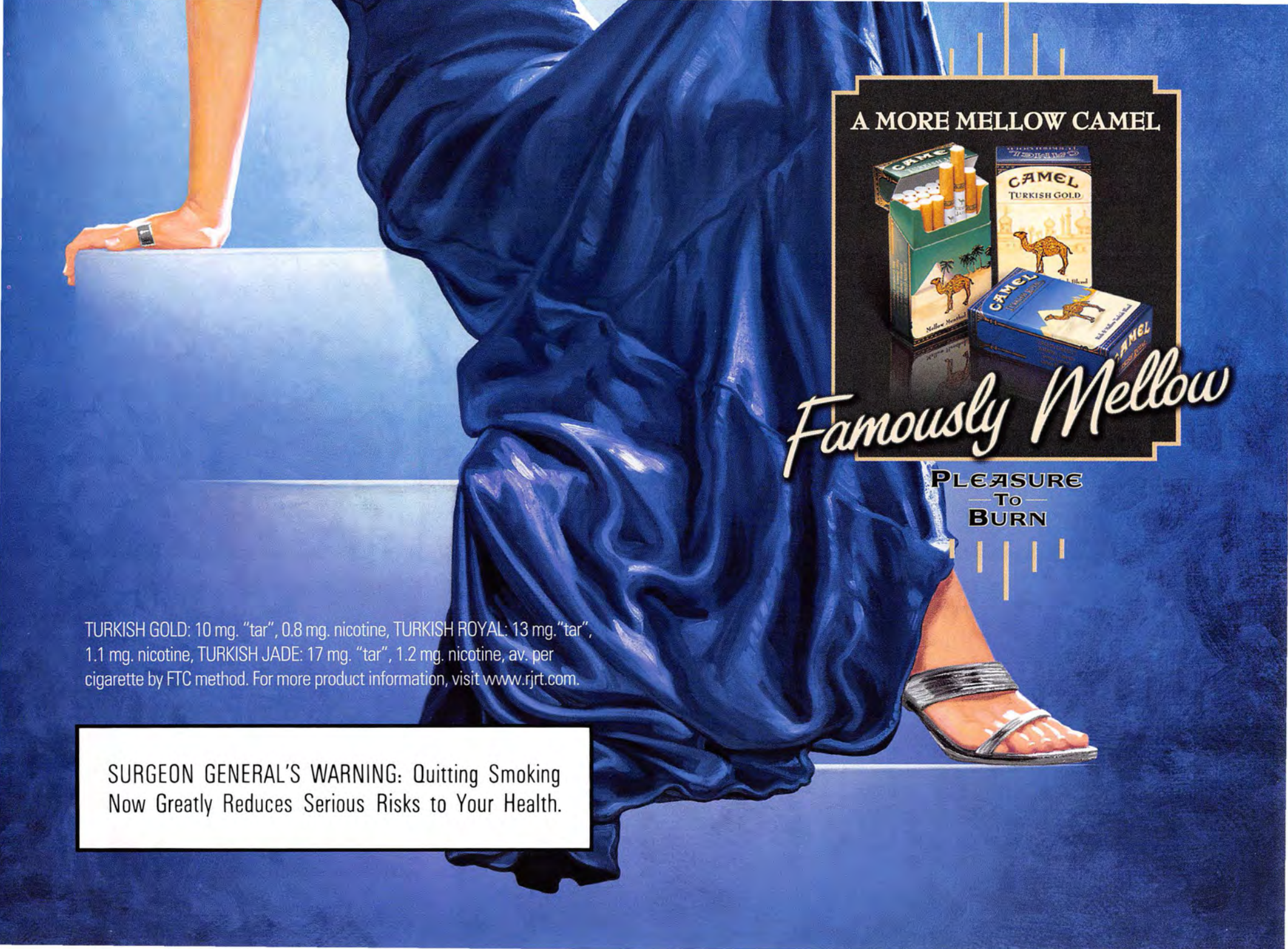
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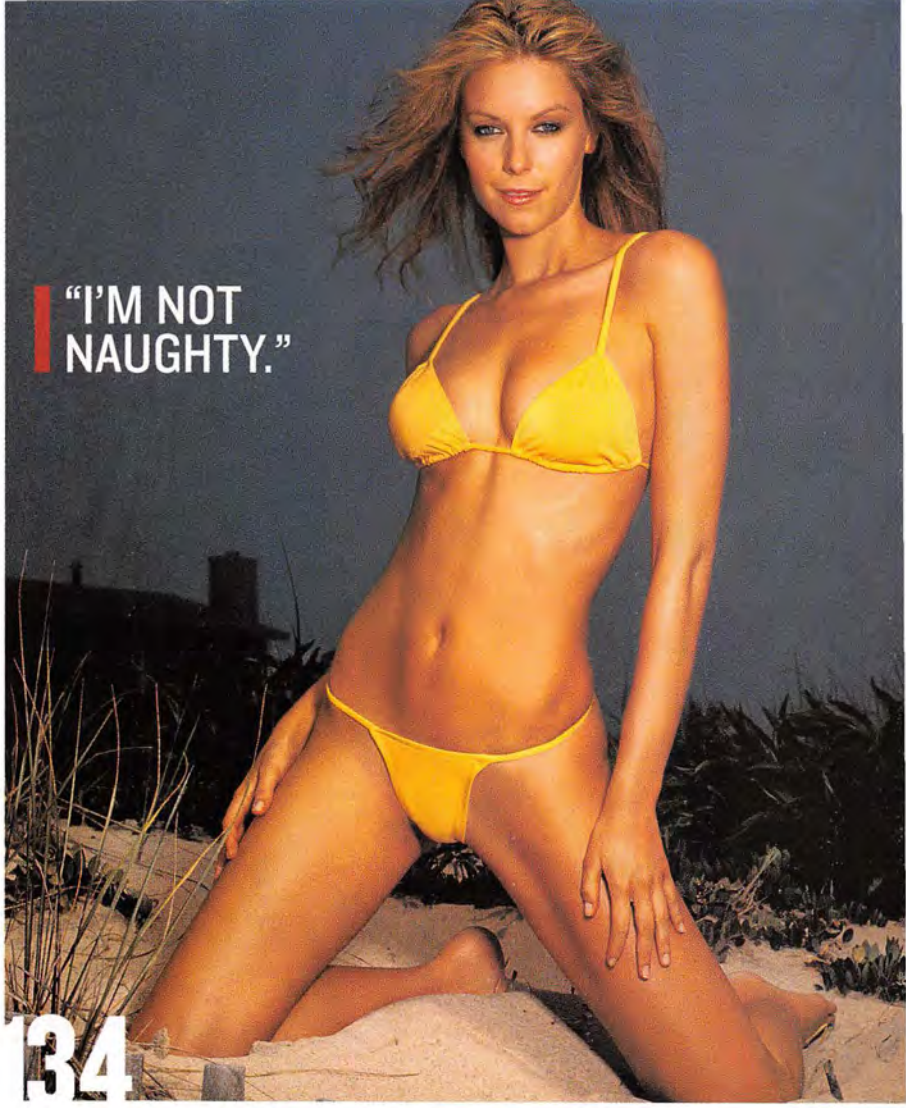

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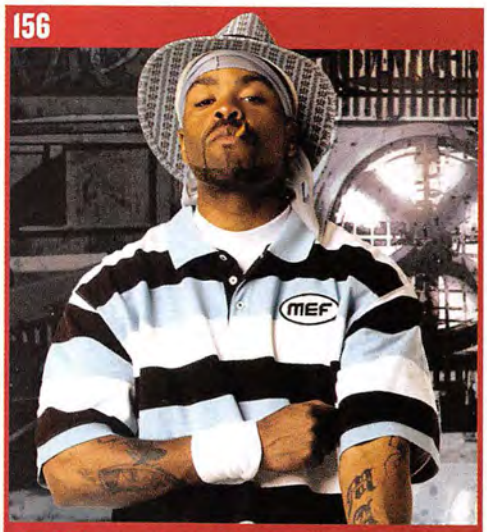

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CHOOSE (*STUFF*) OR LOSE

This is gonna be a hell of an important month. We have to select a leader for the free world, the NBA season is getting under way, and *Seed of Chucky* is finally coming out. I know I shouldn't be so glib about matters this important, but with the world in the state it's in today, it's good to know we can rely on gun-toting marionettes—such as the ones in Trey Parker and Matt Stone's new movie (p.124)—to take our minds off the cataclysmic dismantling of the New Jersey Nets. So we spoke directly to the sources of all this societal upheaval, and let's just say Chucky isn't happy...and neither is Jason Kidd (p.114), who carried the Nets to the NBA Finals two years in a row. Now there are fewer guys to carry, and his knees hurt from the fruitless effort. With no title and no fruit, Kidd is considering saying so long to the Garden State but hello to our annual NBA preview (p.108).

Being topical produce lovers, we got a bunch of funny guys to throw rotten tomatoes at their least favorite presidential candidates and toss metaphorical flowers (which are actually quite expensive) at the feet of the man they want to raise their taxes for the next four years (p.142). There's also a look back at the bad apples who've used the electoral process as their own *Girls Gone Wild* video (p.144). Politics always brings out the best and the brightest. Hello, Governor Schwarzenegger!

In other political news, we cast our vote for Nicky Hilton as the world's hottest hotel heiress so that she might reveal her weapons of mass seduction to the world. Definitive proof can be found on the cover and p.96. Forget Paris, boys—it's time for a regime change.

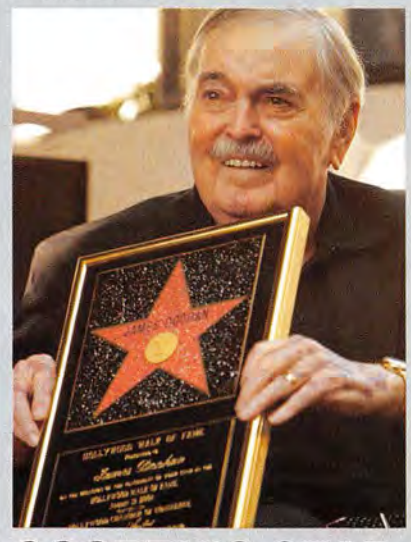
Now that you're fully briefed, we want you to remember to get out and vote. It would be totally bogus if Jason Kidd didn't make the All-Star team.

Mike Hammer

STUFF OUTTAKES

EVEL CLARIFIES

* **IN OUR OCTOBER** issue, we ran an interview with stunt legend Evel Knievel, wherein the geriatric jumper implored our military to "bomb these bastards" in Iraq, including the women and children. After the interview took place, Evel called back to make this clarification: "When I spoke to you, I called President Bush a 'son of a bitch.' [Editor's note: He actually didn't.] I just want to make sure people don't think I was saying that I think Barbara Bush is a bitch. She is a great woman, and I wouldn't want it to come off as a slight to her in any way." So there you have it. For the record, Evel Knievel does not think Barbara Bush is a bitch. Got that, America? Good.



SCOTTY'S STAR TREK ENDS IN VICTORY

* **OUR MARCH ISSUE** featured an interview with James "I Played Scotty on *Star Trek*" Doohan's son, who was rallying to get his pop a spot on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Well, looky what happened on August 31—Scotty got his star! Was it Doohan's legendary career or our story that secured his little slice of sidewalk? It was our story. Definitely. And were we invited to the star-planting ceremony? No. You're welcome, James Doohan's son!

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"Oh! I just polished dat floor. Now you gotta rub your coolie all over it? I'm puttin' in for overtime! Sheesh!" said Mario the disgruntled janitor.

DEAR STUFF

It's National Blow Your Mailman month! (Happy, Mr. Postmaster General? Now can we please have our bills and catalogs?)

T'Pol is t'riffic

My friend and I were just coming back from our annual trip to Las Vegas when we noticed T'Pol [Jolene Blalock] on the cover of your magazine [September] at a rest stop! Set my phaser to spew! I thought that Seven of Nine [Jeri Ryan] was the hottest *Star Trek* character. Not anymore. I'd let Jolene meld my mind any day.

—J. Forster, Nashville

That's probably not a good idea. We went on a date with a Klingon once, and let's just say that you would think that by the 22nd century, they'd have invented something to relieve chronic, burning urination.

Singled out

I'd just like to bring to your attention to how crappy it is to have to read articles about gorgeous women in *Stuff* and find out that they are already taken. That just makes us average joes feel like crap, and we'll think all the hot babes are taken. How about you don't mention that the girls aren't single in the interviews anymore? That would be great!

—Joseph Watson, Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada

All the hot women *are* taken. Although we've heard that Downtown Julie Brown is still on the market.

Straight dope on rope

On page 168 of the September issue, you give helpful tips on bondage [Bedroom Briefing].

I agree that nylon is soft and water-resistant. The problem with nylon is that it will cause burns. To avoid embarrassment at the office, use a hemp rope. Sisal will also work but is a bit more abrasive.

—Michael, via e-mail

[Through a ball gag] Mmmph...mmm... mrphhh...rmph...grrr...pfithhh...ugnh, uh-uh-uh. Agh-gh-gh! ▷▷▷

The years have been kind to you, John Sencio.

LETTER OF THE MONTH

✱ **MY ONE AND** only good idea is to ask why Amsterjam is giving away a guitar to promote its turntable festival. It reminds me of a Trojan condoms party I was at where guests got a child-support lawyer on retainer as a gift.

—Gary Delcourt, Clinton Township, Mich.

That's a good point, Gary. The reason is **(*continued on page 442*).**

In the meantime, enjoy your new guitar from Heineken's Amsterjam, which you don't deserve but your astute observation makes us contractually obligated to give to you.

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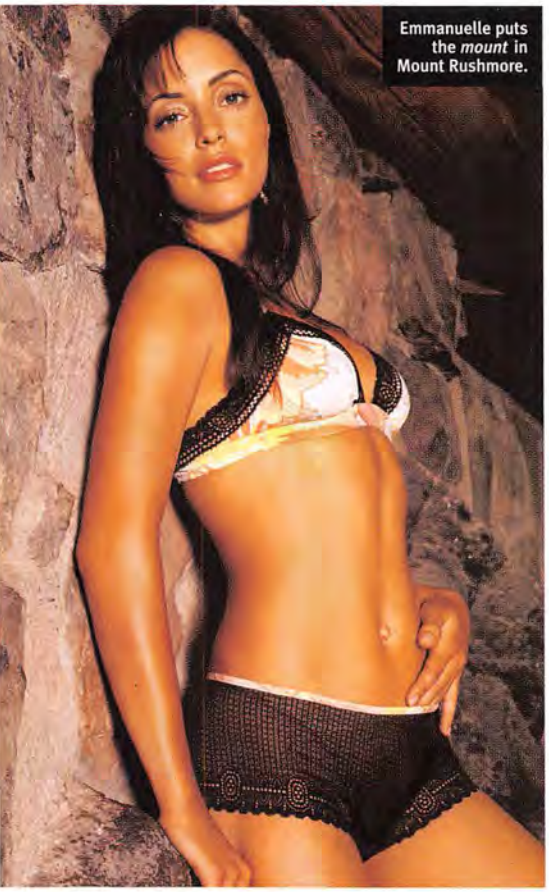


Emmanuelle puts the *mount* in Mount Rushmore.

Cookie monster

In the August issue, Emmanuelle Vaugier ["Queen of the Hill"] said she should venture out into the Outback to see if anything would eat her. Well, I would! I bet she tastes just like white-chocolate-chip cookies. I love white-chocolate-chip cookies!

—Bob M., via e-mail

Eh, we're kind of partial to macadamia peanut butter. We're still talking about oral sex, right?

Not sure-a about Missoura

Hey, guys, just a little heads-up on your article about accused murderer and cannibal Marc Sappington ["Friends for Dinner," September]. If he transported his first body from Missouri to Kansas, he crossed the Missouri River, not the Mississippi. The Mississippi is on the east side of the state, between Missouri and Illinois. I hope that the local authorities are more careful with the facts than you are.

—Bruce Yarbrough, DeSoto, Kan.

"Holy shit!" said the police chief when we informed him of this. Minutes later, the case was solved.

Sorry, Charley

I received your magazine on Friday the 13th, the day Hurricane Charley blew through southwestern Florida. I did not go to the mailbox that day. When I did look for my mail, let's just say Jolene Blalock was a little wet, if you know what I mean. Could you forward a new copy to me? I will send the wet one back.

—Don M., Fort Myers, Fla. ▷▷▷

CORRECTIONS

✔ In our July issue, we incorrectly identified a picture of accused murderer Henry Johanson as "a plate of spaghetti." We apologize to the Johanson family and to Chef Boyardee for the mistake.

✔ You must have been dreaming that time you knocked on the door and heard Michael Bolton blasting from our stereo and perhaps caught a glimpse of us dancing in our underwear as we lip-synched to "How Can We Be Lovers." It totally never happened.

✔ We regret that when our archenemy said, "You'll regret this one day!" we didn't listen. Because we do.

✔ We misidentified a potential murderer in a police lineup last week, but he kind of looked like the guy who killed our family. We apologize for sending another allegedly innocent man to the electric chair.

Mapex drum kit from Saliva

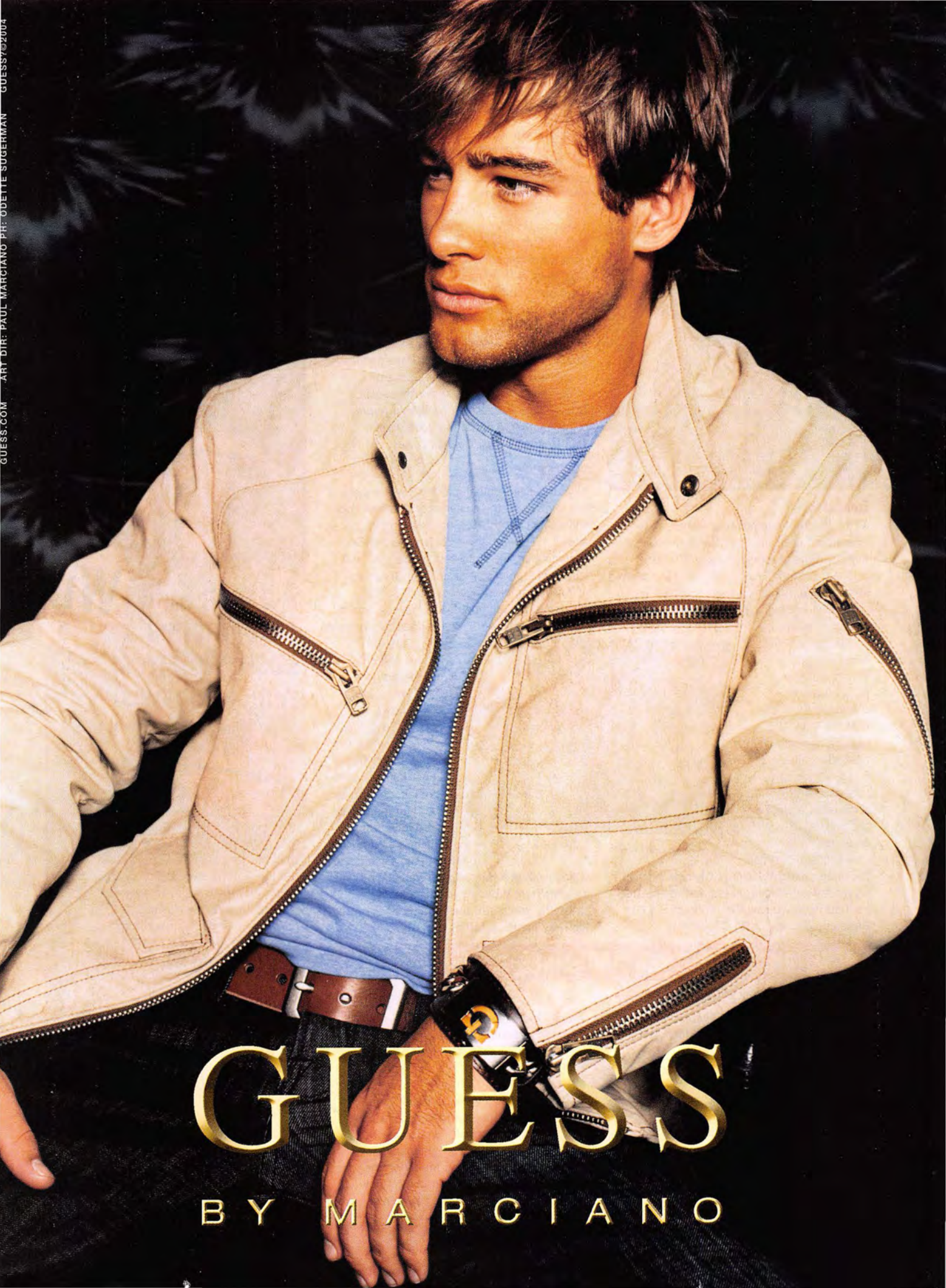
WIN!

Oh, hello. Didn't see you there. You're probably wondering how you're going to win this brand-new Mapex drum kit from one of America's hardest-rocking rock bands, Saliva. Maybe you're thinking, *I could rock harder than Saliva if I had those drums*. You can't. But what you *can* do is send us a picture of your craziest piece of rock memorabilia. (Like Gene Simmons' semen, which our girlfriend was brave enough to get for us.) Slip that sucker into an envelope and send it to: Saliva Contest, *Stuff*, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10018, or e-mail it to letters@stuffmagazine.com. For rules, see the Credits page.

FROM THE *STUFF* TIME MACHINE

Old-timey Mailbag

A *Stuff* reader from the Paleolithic era writes: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A minute later, the acid kicked in and that outfit looked awesome.

Freed slave

As an athlete, I enjoyed your feature on the women of the Olympics ["The Golden Girls," August]. When I turned to page 88, I was stunned. Amanda Freed is so fine. I've followed her career from Pacifica High School to UCLA to the Olympic team. I'm her biggest fan. Mad props, whoever decided to put Amanda's pics in that article. My friends and I seriously think she is hotter than [U.S. Olympic softball pitcher] Jennie Finch. Where can I get access to some more exclusive hot pictures of Amanda?

—Fritzie, via e-mail

For more exclusive looks at Olympic softball player Amanda Freed, climb the tree outside her bathroom window. Her address is 129 Buttercup St., Alameda, CA 94901.

Greek to us

On page 38 of your September issue, you claim that Trivia was the Roman goddess of crossroads [Useless Facts]. That is not accurate, because, in fact, *trivia* is Latin for "three roads," which was where posts were stuck into the ground for people to post news of the empire, insignifica, etc. And my mom thought my doctorate in linguistic anthropology wouldn't pay off.

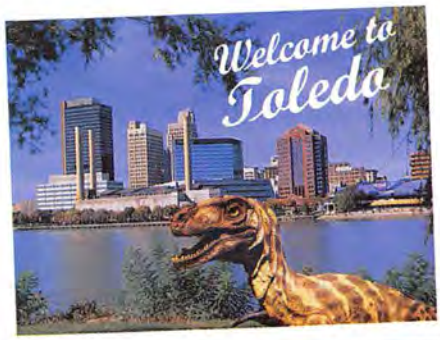
—Chris Wilson, Seattle

Actually, we're both right. Trivia was the Roman name for Hecate, the Greek goddess of crossroads, magic and the dark side of the moon. You might know her cousin, Artemis, the goddess of the Who's *Tommy*, or her mother, Asteria, the goddess of Jimi Hendrix's *Axis: Bold as Love*.

Big MAC

In your college-football preview [September], you showed all the conferences and how they should pan out this season, but you forgot one. The Mid-American Conference (MAC) is coming off one of its best seasons yet and looks to be promising again. The University of Toledo is ranked number 25 in *Sports Illustrated* and number 24 in *Playboy*, and it is picked by everyone to win the MAC. Yet you still did not mention one thing about Toledo or the MAC.

—Dave Rieker, Toledo, Ohio



Sorry, Dave. Our reporting was probably biased by our bad memories of Toledo. The images of stopping to get gas, washing our windshield, ordering a Super Value Meal and a Frosty from Wendy's, taking a giant, satisfying dump and then getting back on the highway haunt us to this day.

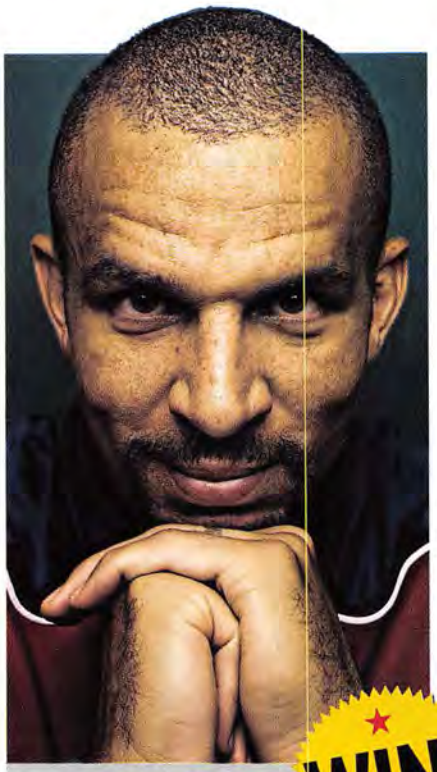
STUFF ANSWERS OTHER MAGAZINES' LETTERS

From the September 2004 issue of *Cargo*

I love that *Cargo* isn't filled with raunchy sex articles or obsessed with celebrities. But enough about what isn't in your magazine. You offer so much information that can actually be used, such as how to tell if a tie is too long [Search Engine] and the best sunglasses for the shape of your face ["Custom Framing"]. A lot of what you put into each issue has worked its way into my everyday life, and I've purchased several products based on your recommendations. I'll be buying every issue as soon as it comes out on newsstands.

—Gregg V., Toledo, Ohio

When we were your age, there weren't any periodicals to tell us which mustache wax to use or which top-hat height was in fashion. We had to rely on the opinion of our houseboy, Tippy. Man, we miss the early '90s.



WIN!

A Jason Kidd autographed basketball from King of Shaves

We're randomly giving away five basketballs signed by Jason Kidd to five lucky *Stuff* readers. Why lucky? For starters, it might just make you an NBA baller*! Not only that, but we'll also throw in Jason's favorite shaving products, in case you're a postadolescent male. Just send a note with your name, address and daytime telephone number to: Jason Kidd Autographed Ball, *Stuff*, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10018, or e-mail letters@stuffmagazine.com. For rules, see the Credits page.

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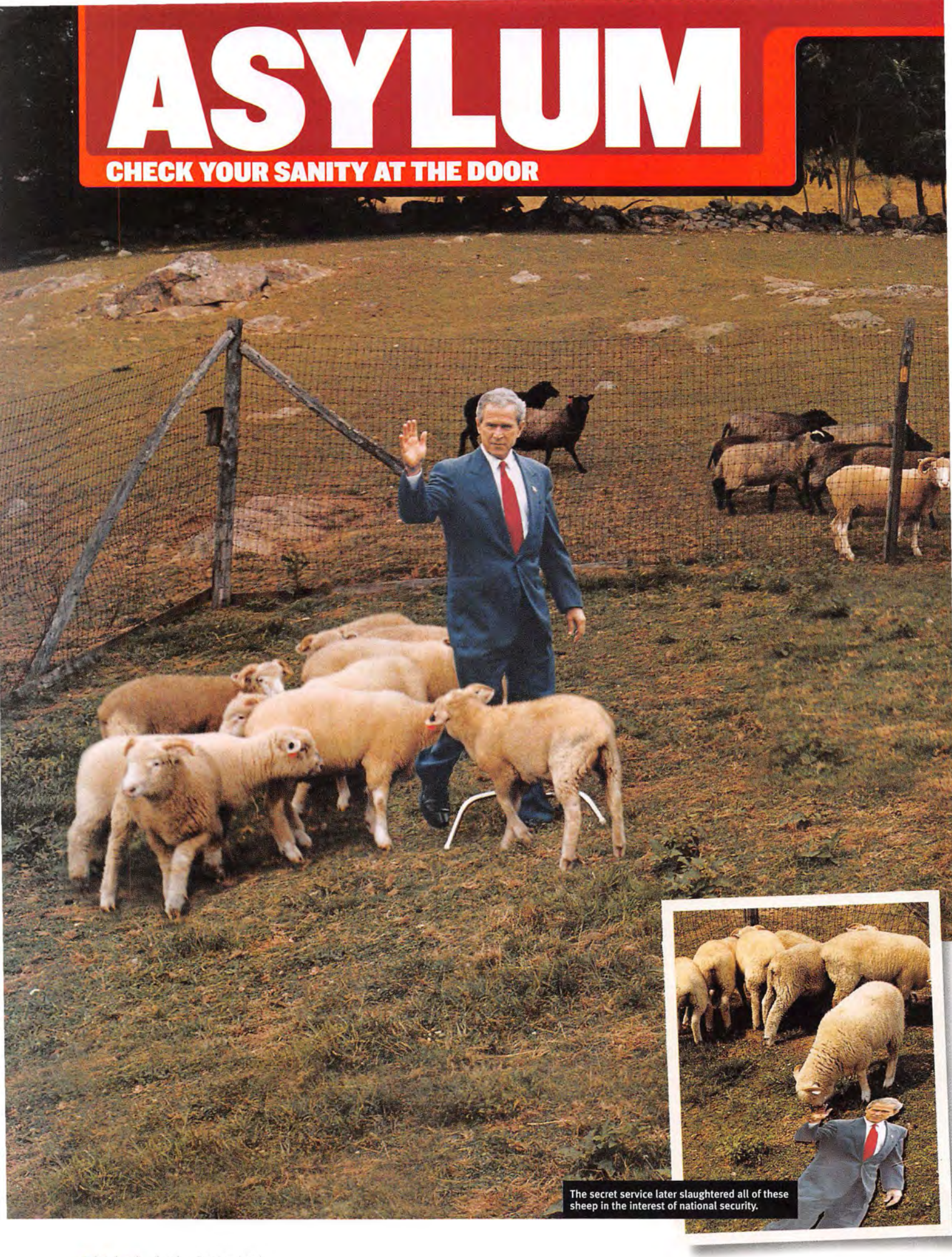

The secret service later slaughtered all of these sheep in the interest of national security.

Later, a defeated Kerry went home and, as usual, licked ketchup off of Teresa's nipples.

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FLOCK THE VOTE

STATE OF THE UNION: CAMPAIGN CRAP '04

The baas have it! These discerning sheep cast their ballots for four more years of Bush!

* **IF YOU WANT** to take an accurate reading of America's political temperature, skip the news and go straight to the ewes. We traveled to Muscoot Farm in Katonah, New York, with life-size cutouts of George W. Bush and John Kerry in tow to find out where the four-legged lobby's loyalties lie. When released from their pen, the liberal-hating lambs would be silenced no longer, as they nuzzled the incumbent with such ferocity that his leg actually snapped off. Upon being informed of this woolly win, Heather Layman, a spokesperson for the Republican National Committee, said, "It is clear who the strong leader in this election is, and we are confident that voters will see that, as well." Democratic National Committee spokesman Jano Cabrera retorted, "So let me get this right—a bunch of mindless sheep are flocking to the Bush campaign? It hardly seems like a ringing endorsement. In fact, it seems like a *baad* idea." So the question is left to you, America: Is it a good thing or bad thing for a world-leader hopeful to have had these fuzzy followers falling at his feet? Oh, right, and there is one other question left to you, America: Do you know any quick ways to get sheep shit off shoes?

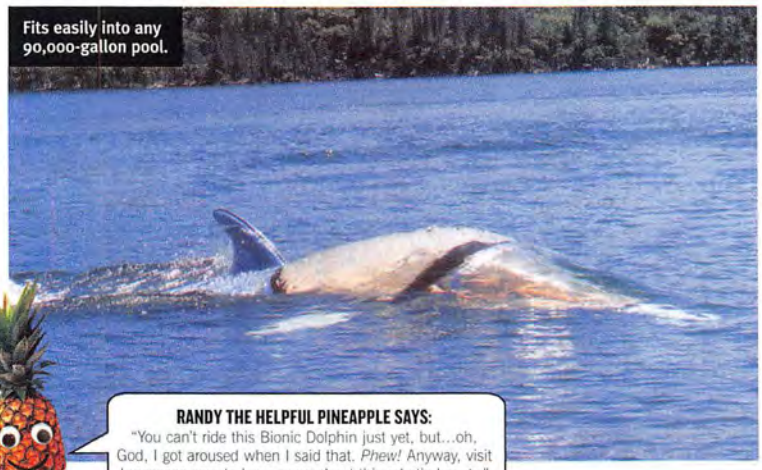
Prop Styling: Johnny Fego.

"Man, Bionic Dolphin can really move," said a girl dolphin while watching him break-dance at the dolphin senior prom.

THE FUTURE IS MOIST

Reason No. 37 why it's OK to kill dolphins: We can always make more.

* **WHEN WE HEARD** someone say, "There's a man in that dolphin," we thought our creepy cousin Carl was trying to finger a porpoise...again. But as it turns out, the dolphin was inventors Rob Innes and Dan Piazza's contribution to the world of aquatic mammal-shaped personal submarines. Their 800-pound, 14-foot-long Bionic Dolphin is named Sweet Virgin Angel, and it not only looks cool, but it can also jump in and out of the water, just like a real dolphin. It dives 10 feet under water and can travel at a speed of 30 mph on the surface and 15 mph below it. Innes and Piazza, who founded Innespace, a company that manufactures underwater modes of transportation, are currently working on a two-seat version, which is just one more way society is telling us that it's time we get a girlfriend (or a life partner).



Fits easily into any 90,000-gallon pool.

RANDY THE HELPFUL PINEAPPLE SAYS:
"You can't ride this Bionic Dolphin just yet, but...oh, God, I got aroused when I said that. *Phew!* Anyway, visit Innespace.com to learn more about this robotic beauty."

USELESS FACTS

* Regis Philbin has clocked the most hours in front of a television camera, according to Guinness World Records. And our shut-in neighbor.
* A straw can hold about one and a half teaspoons of water and thus is an excellent way to fill a bathtub really, really slowly.
* Ninety percent of American homes have a container of ice cream in the freezer; 93 percent think they do; three percent are going to be pissed at their baby-sitter.

THAT TIME OF THE MONTH

BITCH BOX

What makes Tom Kenny, the voice of SpongeBob SquarePants, crabby?

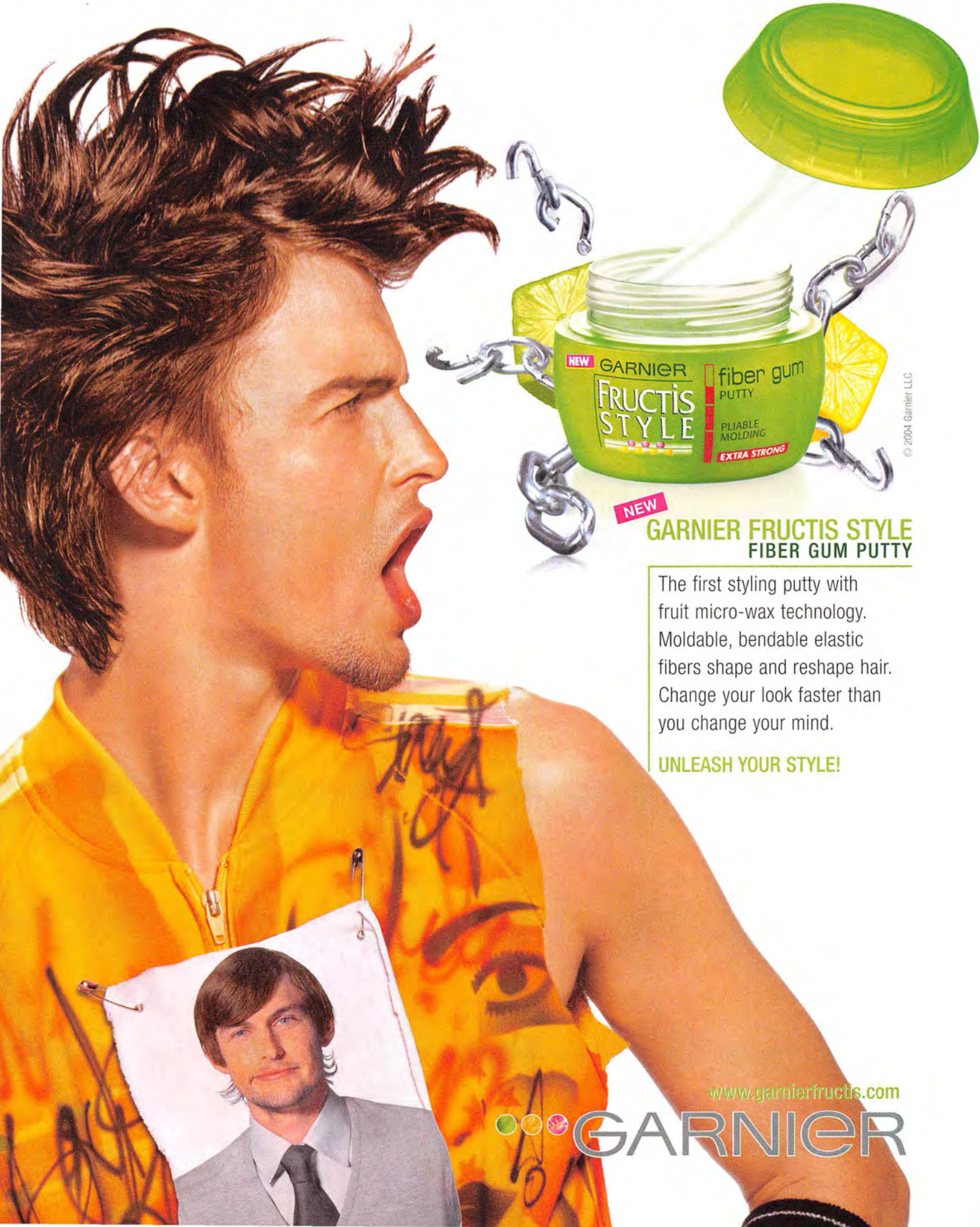
* **IF THERE'S ONE** thing that fills me with depression and rage, it's Americans' inability to deal with the truth, even when it's right under their star-spangled noses. The late Dr. Atkins did not just keel over. He was murdered. By whom? Duh, America: the bread industry. The powerful bakers' cabal controls more than 97 percent of the world's wealth, preventing deserving, honest oil entrepreneurs, such as George Bush and Dick Cheney, from reaching their full earning potential.

Big Dough took a gander at the Atkins diet and saw the end of our toast-based economy. They saw the fallout from this fantastic new diet plan affecting not only themselves, but also their fat-cat cronies in the bologna, spaghetti and marshmallow-fluff industries. A yeast-free world is also a world free of yeast infections, and when you mess with the big pharmaceutical and yogurt companies, you're messing with some bad cats. It's crystal clear: A meeting was held and a decision was made: Atkins must be eliminated. It's Oliver Stone's *JFK* all over again, except for one sobering fact: Unlike JFK, Dr. Atkins was an actual person, not a fictional character in a Hollywood movie. Think about it, America.

Dr. Atkins' diet really works! (We've been eating his remains for weeks.)

DR. ATKINS DID NOT JUST KEEL OVER.

FROM RESTRAINED TO RE-FORMED!



"Yeah, we all live here. Why?" said the yellow submarine's captain.

BE HERE!

VALVE WORLD 2004 CONFERENCE & EXPO

Go to the Netherlands on November 9 and let off some steam. Ha!

STUFF: Hello, I am calling about the Valve World Expo.
VALVE WORLD CONFERENCE & EXPO REP: Can I help you?
I'm looking for something different and exciting to do for my brother's bachelor party.
A party?
A bachelor party.
Uh, I don't understand.
I thought it would be fun to take him to Valve Expo.
Does he work with valves?
He lays a lot of pipe.
A lot of piping professionals come to the Conference & Expo.
Will we be able to see a demonstration of the new floating-ball valve?
There will be demonstrations, depending on the exhibitor.
There will be alcohol, right?

"HE LAYS A LOT OF PIPE."

The Conference & Expo is mainly a venue for people in the valve industry. Alcohol may be served by the individual exhibitors.
Maybe we can bring a couple of beers with us.
You can bring what you want, but I think if you are not in the valve industry, maybe this is not an expo that will interest you and your brother.
No, it sounds right up our alley. What else?
We have a sketch artist who will sketch caricatures of visitors.
For free?
Yes, for free.
Great! Maybe he can sketch my brother with his floating balls.
Maybe. —*Thorsten Gritschke*

OUR MONTHLY SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE (AND EXCESS) IN THE WORKPLACE

*** DARLA, A FIVE-YEAR-**old helper monkey to 45-year-old emphysema sufferer Steve Seidler, went above and beyond her job description in August. While assisting her wheelchair-riding boss at a Key Food supermarket in Brooklyn, New York, Darla did battle with a menacing two-year-old toddler. Reported the tyke's grandmother: "I saw this thing attack my grandson's arm. I said, 'It's a monkey! What's a monkey doing in a Key Food?'" Well, *helping*, duh! Police were called to the scene, and the chewed child was taken to the hospital. Grandma claimed that Darla lashed out for no reason, but Seidler insisted that the boy had pulled at the monkey. So who are you going to believe? Some kid, or a hardworking helper monkey? We're going to side with Darla—even though she did try to fling some crap at us when we asked for a comment.

Darla watched the pool boy. Why didn't he ever come in for a shower, like in the pornos?

POP QUIZ

BALD OR BABY?

Are they fans of Grover or the combover?

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Answers: 1. Baby; 2. Bald; 3. Bald; 4. Baby; 5. Bald; 6. Baby.

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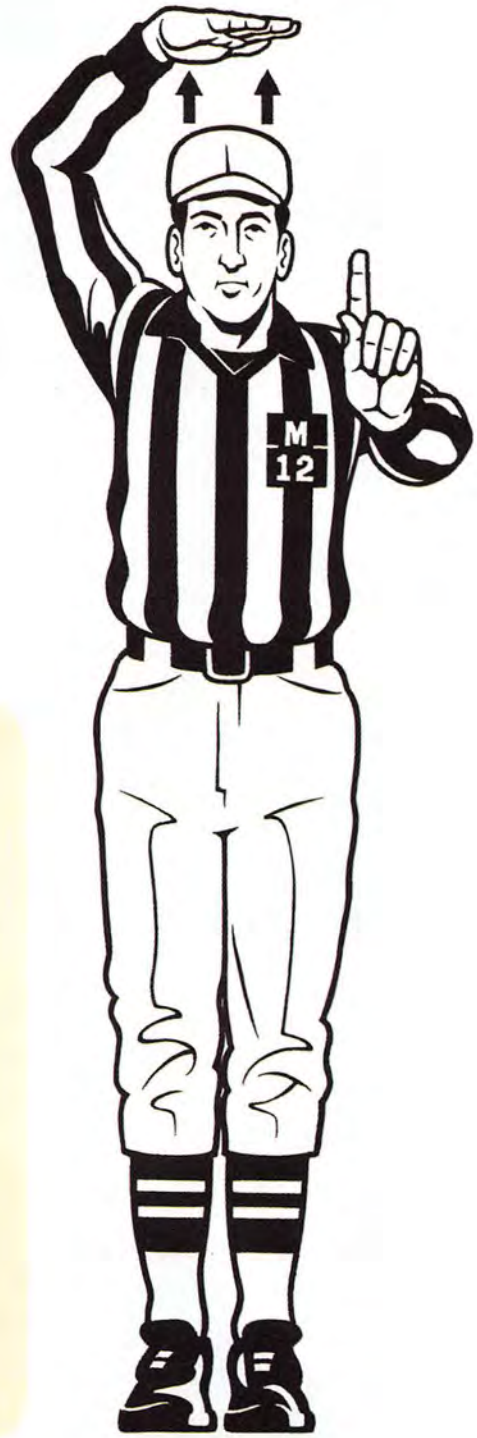
ILLEGAL MOTION AT TAP

When a beer drinker orders by pointing to a funny, and often crown-shaped tap. This can result in a pint of Bud Light. To get more taste and half the carbs of Bud Light do not point to this tap.



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STUFF PICKS

Is it a piece of crap or worthy of gift wrap?

Bunnywith

The merry moniker on this product refers to the fact that all of these bunnies come with something. For instance, Bunnywith Siamese Twin is a bunny with a conjoined twin. Bunnywith Tentacles is a bunny with tentacles. And Bunnywith Baby is a bunny without any hope of pursuing her dream of becoming an architect, because she simply will not have the time.

Bug Zapper

Killing bugs with a tennis racket is fine—if you're a caveman. Why not join us in the 21st century and use this electrified bug zapper from CMUSACorp.com to destroy pests? Because you're Amish? Fair enough!

Happy Tree Friends DVD

Just because an animal is cute doesn't mean it can't be mutilated. Take a look at our cousin with the eggbeater. Or, better yet, watch this DVD of the violent and funny *Happy Tree Friends*. And to those who think violent entertainment begets violent behavior, see our cousin with the eggbeater. He just killed a turtle and has never seen a cartoon.

Psychedelic Republicans cards

These partisan playing cards from Chickenhead Productions feature distorted, trippy photos of Republicans and info such as their hometowns on the back. The anti-GOP cards will probably swing the vote as much as our "Vote for Change—Vote Affleck" pin.

HoverCopter

This tiny radio-control hover toy is perfect for passing the day in the park—and for severely freaking out alien enthusiasts at night. (For best results, light it on fire and toss it on their pillows while they sleep.)

Photography: Damien Donck.

WIN! Hey, readers: We love getting strange crap in the mail. Send us those items that make your girlfriend say, "I'm seeing other people." If we print your item on this page, you'll win $180. Send your curiosity to: Crap Editor, *Stuff*, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10018. For rules, see the Credits page. And please stop sending Buttpaste. Seriously. Stop.

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YOU THINK *YOU* HAD A BAD DAY?

Be glad you're not whale researcher Mark Ferrari, who had a fight with a swashbuckling swordfish.

* **I'D JUST GOTTEN** into the water off the coast of Hawaii to film some whales when my wife yelled, "Watch out!" She'd spotted a swordfish. I was facing a sword attached to 1,000 pounds and 15 feet of pure muscle. It aimed its weapon at my head and attacked. I thought, *Oh, shit*, and then I felt like I'd been hit by a freight train. Its sword pierced the flesh between my right shoulder and neck, shattering my clavicle and scapula. The fish slashed its bill backward and forward in the wound, and the pain was incredible. Stuck on the end of the sword, I was shaken around like a rag doll. My lower body slammed up underneath the fish, and a sharp fin sliced up my waist. With all the thrashing back and forth, I flew off the sword in a cloud of my own blood. The boat's skipper quickly brought the vessel alongside me, and hands reached out to grab me.

My wife freaked out when she saw the wound. The area from my shoulder to my neck was totally destroyed, and I was losing a lot of blood. I was in shock and almost passed out as we docked. At the hospital, the surgeon said, "Looks like a bomb went off in here," as he picked shattered bone and swordfish bill out of the six-inch gash. He didn't know if I'd be able to use my right arm ever again, but it's over a year later now, and I've got most of the use back. I'll swim with sharks, but there's no way I'll ever get back in the water with a swordfish.

"I FLEW OFF IN A CLOUD OF MY OWN BLOOD."

—*As told to Jon Parrish*

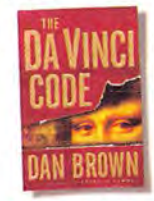
Mark lived, but his fashion sense would never be seen again.

THE STUFF LIST

Reasons we don't want to die.

* We're in the middle of making spaghetti and are really hungry.
* Our life-insurance policy mistakenly gives all of our money to terrorists and pedophiles, and we haven't had the chance to change it.

* Courtney Love is about to die and would get all of our press.
* We already paid for a 30-day subscription to YummyMama.com and don't want it to go wasted.
* Dana, the girl who works at Blockbuster 2–9 Mondays through Thursdays and 12–9 on the weekends, doesn't know how much we love her...yet.
* Word on the street is that 2009 is going to be one big orgy and 2011 is going to be all about magazine editors.
* We don't want to break our being-alive streak.



* We just finished *The Da Vinci Code* and haven't yet told enough people that it sucks.

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LORD OF THE BAR

This month in 1938, Seabiscuit beat War Admiral. So reign in a couple of Jocose Juleps with the new twins.

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2 1/2 OZ. BOURBON ● 1/2 OZ. GREEN CRÈME DE MENTHE ● 6 MINT LEAVES ● 1 TSP. SUGAR ● 1 OZ. LIME JUICE ● ICED CLUB SODA ● 3 TALL MINT SPRIGS

STEP 1

KRISTIN: We're new at this, but we're totally hot, so who cares, right?
KIRSTEN: Right! And we just love riding the pony, which is why *Seabiscuit* is our favorite horse-racing movie.
KRISTIN: That's right, my favorite identical sibling.
KIRSTEN: Your favorite? Really? You know, we're not only sisters but also best friends.

STEP 2

KRISTIN: It's true. I don't know what I'd do without you, Kirsten.
KIRSTEN: You'd probably die from loneliness...or some disease that only my love could cure.
KRISTIN: Speaking of cures, without ice, pour the bourbon, crème de menthe, mint, sugar and lime juice into the blender and blend for about 15 seconds.

STEP 3

KIRSTEN: OK, now pour the mix into a tall glass half filled with ice.
KRISTIN: Then add the soda and mint sprigs.
KIRSTEN: I was hoping we could do that together.
KRISTIN: I suppose we could do it simultaneously for equal enjoyment.
KIRSTEN: Serve this drink with torn betting stubs and despair to feel just like you're at the track.

HOOCH OF THE MONTH

This is why ice-carving artists get paid the big bucks.

42 BELOW $38

*** NEW ZEALAND IS** often called (by us) "The Really Weird Islands Next to Australia...No, Not Tasmania." It's the place that spawned hobbits, Russell Crowe and OMC. But not everything from this remarkably pristine island is furry or a failure. Consider 42 Below pure vodka: It's quadruple distilled 42 degrees below the equator in a climate of quality air and pure water, and it uses only non–genetically modified wheat from the best grainfields in the world. Drink a shot and you can almost taste the genetic pureness. Way to *not* play God, New Zealand. **42below.co.nz**

BAR GEAR

BUILT BYOBAG $15

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How John Madden chooses a girlfriend.

FIRST LADY

INGRID VANDEBOSCH

This Belgian beauty cracks safes and skulls in the new movie *Taxi*. Not since Bill Murray dressed as a clown have we been more in love with a bank robber.

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHARLIE LANGELLA

STUFF: Did you break into banks to research your role as a thief?
INGRID: No, we just had some advice from the FBI about how to handle the weapons. I grew up in the countryside, and my brother used to shoot guns in the backyard. When I was, like, 11, he let me shoot them. Since I had some experience with guns, they gave me the automatic M16 to use in the film.

Did you get to use it on your costar Jimmy Fallon?
There's one time when we have Queen Latifah and Jimmy Fallon held hostage. He was shooting at us, and I actually got to hit him with my gun.

Was he hurt?
No. I didn't actually hit him directly.

Damn. I give you permission to hit him really hard if you want to.
OK. Next time I see him.

You have created your own line of lingerie. Tell me about your undies.
We almost have everything together to put it in stores. It's a silk lingerie bag with a slip and a thong. I really love lingerie. I just like to dress in nice lingerie with lace and all that.

What on your body *aren't* you so crazy about?
I'm not so crazy about my nose.

Haven't you ever seen *Nip/Tuck*? You can get that fixed, if you want.
It makes me different. I'm keeping that one.

[*Putting down scalpel*] Suit yourself. *—Dan Bergstein*

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HOT STUFF

1 *THE SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS MOVIE* It's the theaters' attempt to make millions at the snack stand during the midnight shows.

2 THANKSGIVING EVE Some say it's the most popular night to go out drinking. "That's a crock of shit," says Easter Saturday.

3 THE DWARVES' *THE DWARVES MUST DIE* Perfect for fans of hard-core punk (your dad) and those who like the album art of a crucified dwarf surrounded by hot naked women (your mom).

4 STEVEN SPIELBERG MEETS THE TRANSFORMERS It is rumored that Steve will have a hand in the upcoming live-action *Transformers* movie, aka *Porn for Nerds*.

5 *PEE-WEE'S PLAYHOUSE* ON DVD See a young Laurence Fishburne as Cowboy Curtis, a still-alive Phil Hartman as the sea captain, and an innocent and sweet Natasha Lyonne as Opal on the show that propelled John Paragon (who played Jambi the Genie) into obscurity.

6 CANTINERO'S *CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING* The trippy, addicting songs of Chris Hicken are hard to define, so we made up this word to do it: *radicool*.

7 FOOTBALL SEASON Hide your DVD of *Sex and the City*, program TiVo to ignore Bravo and invite the guys over for some much-needed "Nope, we ain't gay" time.

8 CHRISTMAS SONGS Yet another reason we're glad to be satanists.

9 *METROID PRIME 2: ECHOES* We've been playing Metroid games for almost 20 years. Don't believe us? Check this out [*Holds up a third-grade notebook that has METROYD RULZ! I WANT TO TOUCH PHOEBE CATES' BOOBIES written on it*].

10 *TOP GUN* SPECIAL COLLECTOR'S EDITION It's much better than the sequel, *Top Gun 2: Days of Thunder*.

—*Dan Bergstein*

On the eighth day, God made stars and placed them over skanks' nipples.

"How about transforming into a dependable husband?" asked Optimus' baby mama.

He taught us that being arrested for masturbating is natural.

Tom and Nicole during happier times.

Great at rapping; so-so at peekaboo.

Q&A

BEANIE SIGEL

He has a hotly anticipated CD and a potential prison sentence, but Beanie Sigel isn't stressed. (He looks dapper in an orange jumpsuit.)

With his third release, *The B-Coming*, Jay-Z protégé Beanie Sigel is poised to stir up some shit, and we're not just talking about Crystal Light lemonade. Too bad he probably won't have time to savor his fruity beverage: The CD, which combines lethal gangsta rap with rib-bruising beats, will drop at about the same time the MC will likely receive a jail sentence for gun possession. We tracked down Sigel during his house arrest and pretended we were Geraldo Rivera interrogating a real criminal.

STUFF: Should we be afraid of you?
BEANIE: No. I'm what you call a gentle lion.

We don't know any lions that are facing jail time, so we're still worried.
That gun thing was a misunderstanding that I took the rap for. People definitely got the wrong idea about me. I'm a victim of the kind of music I choose to put out.

Is it weird that a prison sentence might boost your sales?
Yeah. I want to be successful because I'm good at what I do. People think I'm a drug dealer and a murderer. That's not me. I have kids, and I don't want them growing up being that.

You're scheduled to be retried in January for attempted murder. You said it wasn't you who pulled the trigger. Do you regret not staying home that night?
Everything happens for a reason. If I do time, that might keep me away from something worse. Maybe I could get shot again.

Why were you shot in 1993?
A friend and an off-duty police officer exchanged words. Then the cop passed his gun to his homie and told him to watch me. He and my friend got into it. He was breaking my friend's arm, so I jumped in and got shot. [I was hit] twice in my leg. The guy accidentally shot my friend and the cop, also.

Do you think the Philadelphia police have it in for you?
They want payback because my friend said he sued them, and they had to pay. My brother said they planted drugs on him and they got caught and had to pay for that, too. So they have no wins. They want to say, "We finally got this motherfucker."

You rap about your present situation in *The B-Coming*.
I've been through real pain, so it's me transferring that into story form. People lie about me, and I gotta set them straight, because if you tell a lie long enough, it becomes the truth to people.

How is this record different than 2001's *The Reason*?
I had to do what the public wanted on *The Reason*, and it backfired. This time, I do my thing. I didn't hire any huge producers or guest stars.

So, you're keeping it real?
I don't even like that term. Everything is already real. —*Jon Wiederhorn*

Wherever he is, it must be fairly cold.

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Elliot, we hardly knew ye. Which is why we always called you Stephen.

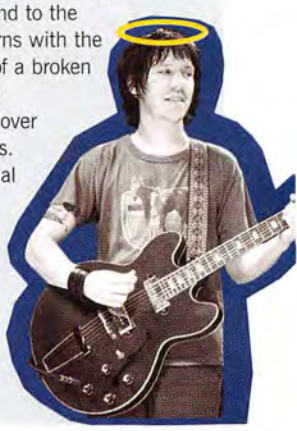
ALBUM OF THE MONTH

ELLIOTT SMITH

FROM A BASEMENT ON THE HILL ANTI ★★★★★

Los Angeles investigators who said Elliott Smith didn't leave an explanation for his suicide weren't looking in the right place. *From a Basement on the Hill*, the album Smith was finishing when he died of a fatal stab wound to the chest in October 2003, burns with the resigned tones and words of a broken man. "I can't prepare for death any more than I already have," he sings on "King's Crossing" over ringing guitars and haunting background vocals.

Until his death, Smith was writing emotional songs that mixed dark lyrics with pretty melodies, as well as exploring new sounds, such as effects-laden intros ("Don't Go Down" and "Shooting Star"). But he hated fame and loathed talking about his music. *From a Basement on the Hill* is the final confession of an artist who knows he'll never have to explain himself again. —*Jon Wiederhorn*



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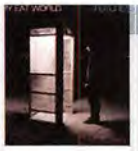


JIMMY EAT WORLD

FUTURES INTERSCOPE ★★★★

After the immaculate power pop of their 2001 self-titled album, these sensitive Arizonans deliver a dark, shiny package of yearning and loss. Make sure you're home for the delivery, or your neighbor will open it.
WE SAY Even at their whiniest, Jim Adkins and Co. are still skilled enough to please—kind of like that bar slut who keeps asking, "Do you think I'm fat?" before hooking up with you in the bathroom.

LAMB OF GOD

ASHES OF THE WAKE EPIC ★★★★

By combining the chip-on-shoulder surge of Pantera with the precision of Meshuggah, these sonic sociopaths have created their craftiest and scariest disc yet. The fact that they named a song "Blood of the Scribe" has nothing to do with our hyperbolic praise.
WE SAY If E! salivated over underground metal, they'd tell you Lamb of God are the ultimate in sheep thrills. Testing, testing...is this thing on?

FATBOY SLIM

PALOOKAVILLE ASTRALWERKS ★★★

After three albums of big-beat rhythms, Fatboy separated from his wife and got moody. So he teamed up with members of Blur, Blackalicious, Parliament/Funkadelic and Oasis. They kept Fatty away from the Ho Hos when he tried to binge.
WE SAY The music still cooks, but at a slow, sultry broil instead of a heat-blasting bake. Which makes it perfect for serving with a juicy roast!

R.E.M.

AROUND THE SUN WARNER BROS. ★★★

Michael Stipe and the boys are way mellower, more direct and more political than ever, displaying a band stripped bare and pouring out its heart. We haven't seen so much blood since *Freddy vs. Jason*.
WE SAY It's their most poignant and passionate disc since 1992's *Automatic for the People*. We hope Bush stays in office, 'cause then these lefty liberals' next record might not suck either.

THE USED

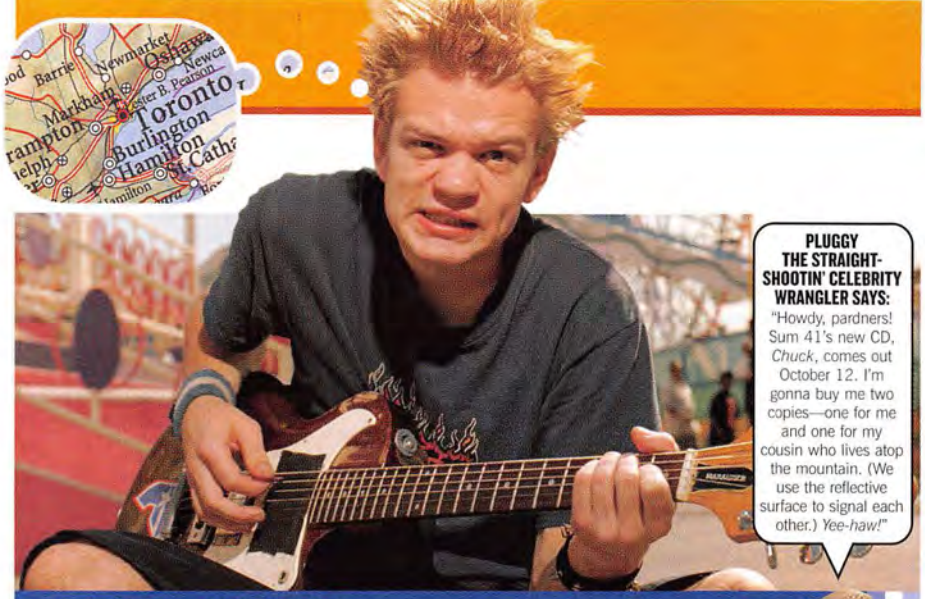
IN LOVE AND DEATH REPRISE ★★★

Their 2002 debut might have been a schizophrenic mix of punk, metal and pop, but these Utah-based troublemakers have been taking their meds, and now they scream only when the voices in their heads threaten their collection of ironic T-shirts.
WE SAY The boys might still be disturbed, but they sure know how to write songs for radio. (Their last one started: "Dear radio, how are you? I am fine.")

GOOD CHARLOTTE

THE CHRONICLES OF LIFE AND DEATH EPIC ★★

The pop darlings pull a 180—or, more accurately, a 182. Like Blink-182, Good Charlotte stray from their traditional avenues and flirt with unconventional arrangements. Last time we strayed from our traditional avenues, we got carjacked.
WE SAY Their calculated experiments produce just enough diversity to seem creative, but they're still sugary enough for the kids—kinda like Alizé. —*J.W.*



PLUGGY THE STRAIGHT-SHOOTIN' CELEBRITY WRANGLER SAYS: "Howdy, pardners! Sum 41's new CD, *Chuck*, comes out October 12. I'm gonna buy me two copies—one for me and one for my cousin who lives atop the mountain. (We use the reflective surface to signal each other.) *Yee-haw!*"

VIP PASS TORONTO

CANADIAN BREAKIN'

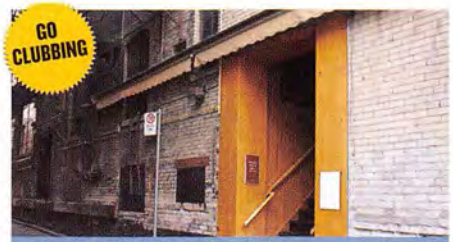
Sum 41's Deryck Whibley shows us how to be Canadian, punk and socialite savvy. The perfect trio! Just like the one sandwiching us between Paris and Avril.

SEE FLAMING WOMEN

BOVINE SEX CLUB
542 QUEEN ST. WEST

"One time I was there, and this girl came up to me. She wanted to take pictures of me at her studio, and I explained that I'm not a model. She started yelling, 'You think you're *so* cool!' Then her hair brushed by a candle and her head burst into flames. She was so drunk that she didn't even realize her head was on fire."

GO CLUBBING



EASY AND THE FIFTH
225 RICHMOND ST. WEST

"Paris [Hilton] and I were [in Toronto] for a few days. [Her sister] Nicky came up, because she was dating one of my best friends. We got drunk at my parents' house and then went out. If you don't want to be bugged, this club has a private area. You can fit about 50 people in there. The music is usually, like, Beyoncé."

MAIN DRAG — MEET GIRLS
QUEEN ST.

"Toronto has some of the most beautiful skater chicks, with dyed hair and cool clothing. There is this corner on Queen St. where teenagers hang out. On Sunday morning, they would still be on crystal meth. We would meet chicks there."

BRASS RAIL — WATCH STRIPPERS
701 YONGE ST.

"We signed a deal with Island, and they took us there. We were barely legal to drink. We had a private room, about 15 girls, and they were $200 every half hour. You can touch, but [the guys are] not that degrading in Canada."

EAT

CALIFORNIA SANDWICHS
244 CLAREMONT ST.

"It's really small; it looks dirty. But they have the best giant, sloppy chicken sandwiches. It's chicken, sauce and bun. It's five bucks, very basic and amazing. I have no idea why it's called California Sandwichs in Toronto."

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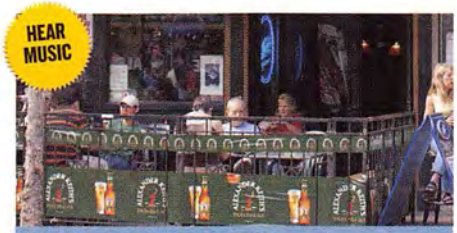

HORSESHOE TAVERN
368 QUEEN ST. WEST

"The Foo Fighters played a secret show there when I was about 16. Someone I knew was working the show, and I gave him a CD of ours to give to Dave [Grohl]. I don't know what ever happened with that." —*Samantha Judge*

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Q&A

NAKED GIRL

Sarah Hudson is cute like cousin Kate and rocks like godfather Ozzy. Be glad it's not the other way around.

PHOTOGRAPH BY STEFAN NYVANG

STUFF: On your CD, *Naked Truth*, you sing about making out with girls and taking Ecstasy. Is this true, or are you just trying get us excited?

SARAH: I went through my drug phase and my party phase. My friend and I would hang out with this group of guys, walk around in our underwear and do crazy things. I don't do that anymore. I'm a good girl now. But I was totally a naughty schoolgirl. I went to an all-girls private high school, so you know....

Did you have the supershort skirt?

Oh, it was to my butt.

Is that when you got all your tattoos?

The first one was a star on my arm. My best friend bought it for my 18th birthday. Then I couldn't stop. I have maybe eight or 10. I got "Mom" on my wrist. On my other wrist is Hebrew for "certainty." I read that Britney Spears just got a Hebrew thing on her neck, and I was like, "Oh, fuck." Then I have this sacred heart on my finger, which is my ode to Catholic school, my Jesus religious trivia. The "K" on my foot is my ex-boyfriend's initial. Don't ever do that. And [on my abdomen] I have "Starved"—first, I had "Star." In high school, I wanted that to be my name. Don't ask me why. Then I added the "-ved," 'cause I'm starved for attention.

Huh? Sorry, we drifted off there. Kidding! What's it like having Ozzy Osbourne as your godfather?

He's a good family friend. I have many godfathers. I have a weird obsession with godfathers and wanting older men to take care of me. I know that's kind of gross.

Not if you're Anna Nicole Smith. Apart from the geriatric set, what other kinds of guys are you attracted to?

Guys in tight leather pants. I like big noses. You gotta find the line between having a good heart and being a dick. Girls like guys who are dicks but have a good heart.

True. And guys like a girl who is high-maintenance but lets them sleep with her roommates. *—Cara Lynn Shultz*

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"I'm going to put the credenza over there and the trundle bed in the corner. It'll be faaabulous!"

REEL OR REAL?

ALEXANDER THE GAY

History wasn't the only thing Alexander the Great went down in.

ALEXANDER
NOVEMBER 5
COLIN FARRELL, JARED LETO, ANGELINA JOLIE
DIR: OLIVER STONE

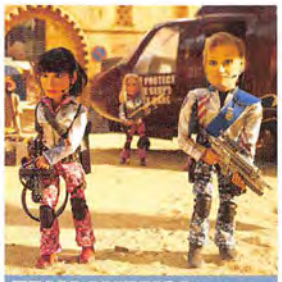
THE PITCH Macedonian king Alexander (Farrell) not only had great gaydar (and used it), but he was also a great conqueror. While maintaining his relationship with battlemate and *very* good friend Hephaistion (Leto), Alexander conquered 90 percent of the known world by the age of 25. Big whoop. We conquered all three *Super Mario Bros.* games by the time we were 14.

HOW GAY WAS IT BACK THEN? "Homosexuality was part of the culture," says Dr. Andrew Foster, assistant professor of classical languages and civilization at Fordham University. "A boy would establish a homosexual relationship with an older man. He wouldn't just use the boy as a sex toy—he trained him in politics and the military. Men would go to the bathhouse, which was like a gym, and meet boys." And get delightfully clear pores.

WE SAY It's a historical epic—and a homoerotic one! Like *Braveheart*, but with way more butt sex. —*Laura Leu*

FLICK PICKS

Spend 10 bucks on something other than doughnuts.



TEAM AMERICA: WORLD POLICE

OCTOBER 15
VOICES OF TREY PARKER, MATT STONE, ELLE RUSS, STANLEY G. SAWICKI
DIRS: TREY PARKER AND MATT STONE

THE PITCH A group of politically minded puppet superheroes fights terrorists and other evildoers—who are most likely identifiable by their arching eyebrows, pointy ears and murderous activities.

WE SAY We haven't enjoyed a nonhuman movie this much since *When Harry Met Sally*.... (That was about robots, right?)

SURVIVING CHRISTMAS

OCTOBER 22
BEN AFFLECK, CHRISTINA APPLEGATE, JAMES GANDOLFINI, CATHERINE O'HARA
DIR: MIKE MITCHELL

THE PITCH A depressed man (Affleck) visits his childhood home and gives the family living there $250,000 to take him in. It's worth it, if you don't mind him hogging the bathroom all morning.

WE SAY A holiday film with a depressed character?! That's original! And if we were being sarcastic, we'd use extra exclamation points!!!

AFTER THE SUNSET

NOVEMBER 12
PIERCE BROSNAN, SALMA HAYEK, WOODY HARRELSON, DON CHEADLE
DIR: BRETT RATNER

THE PITCH After a jewel thief (Brosnan) retires to the Bahamas, he and his partner-in-crime/wife (Hayek) seize the opportunity for a final, perfect score. Who can resist those coconut mugs from Señor Frog's?

WE SAY It's set in the tropics, and what could be better than Salma in a skimpy string bikini? That's right—Bond in briefs!

THE FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX

NOVEMBER 24
DENNIS QUAID, TYRESE GIBSON, MIRANDA OTTO, GIOVANNI RIBISI
DIR: JOHN MOORE

THE PITCH When a cargo plane full of oil workers crashes in the desert, the survivors attempt to build a new plane from the wreckage before they run out of water. That sucks. You can't make sand castles without water.

WE SAY It's a dash of *Armageddon* (oil workers), a bit of *Alive* (plane crash) and a sprinkling of our hangover (severe dehydration). —*L.L.*

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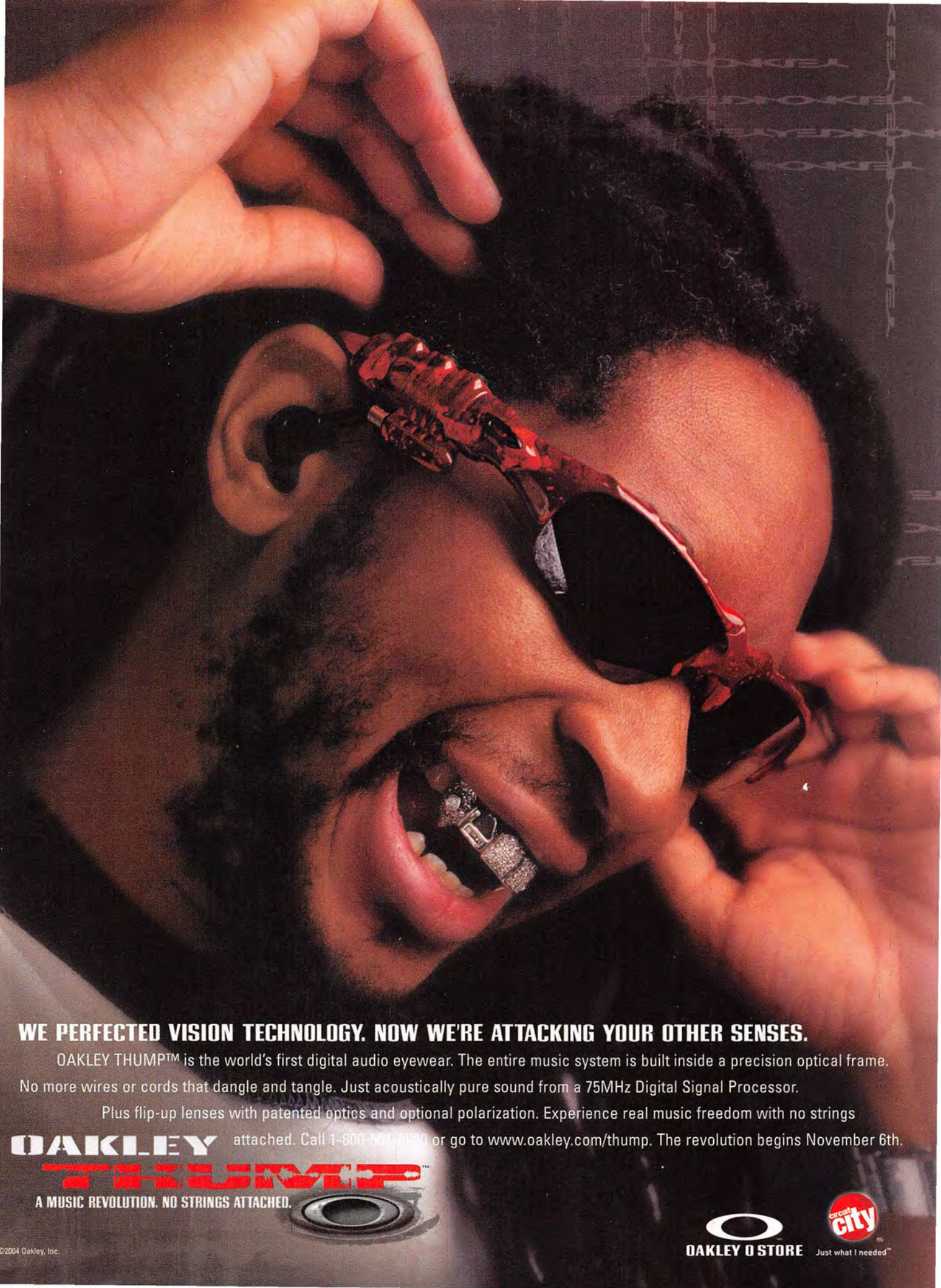
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Q&A

ANCHORMAN

Every night at 11, Jon Stewart comes into our living room with funny news and stories. Then we curl up on the couch together and watch *The Daily Show*.

STUFF: John Edwards announced his presidential candidacy on *The Daily Show*, and John Kerry was a guest in August. Has your show become a legitimate news source?
JON: If we are the only source of information for some people, then it should be for a very lonely shut-in. You can't depend on us for your news information. I'm not sure if the attention we get is more degrading to entertainment or to news. It's either insulting to comedy or to news, or a lovely bouquet to both.

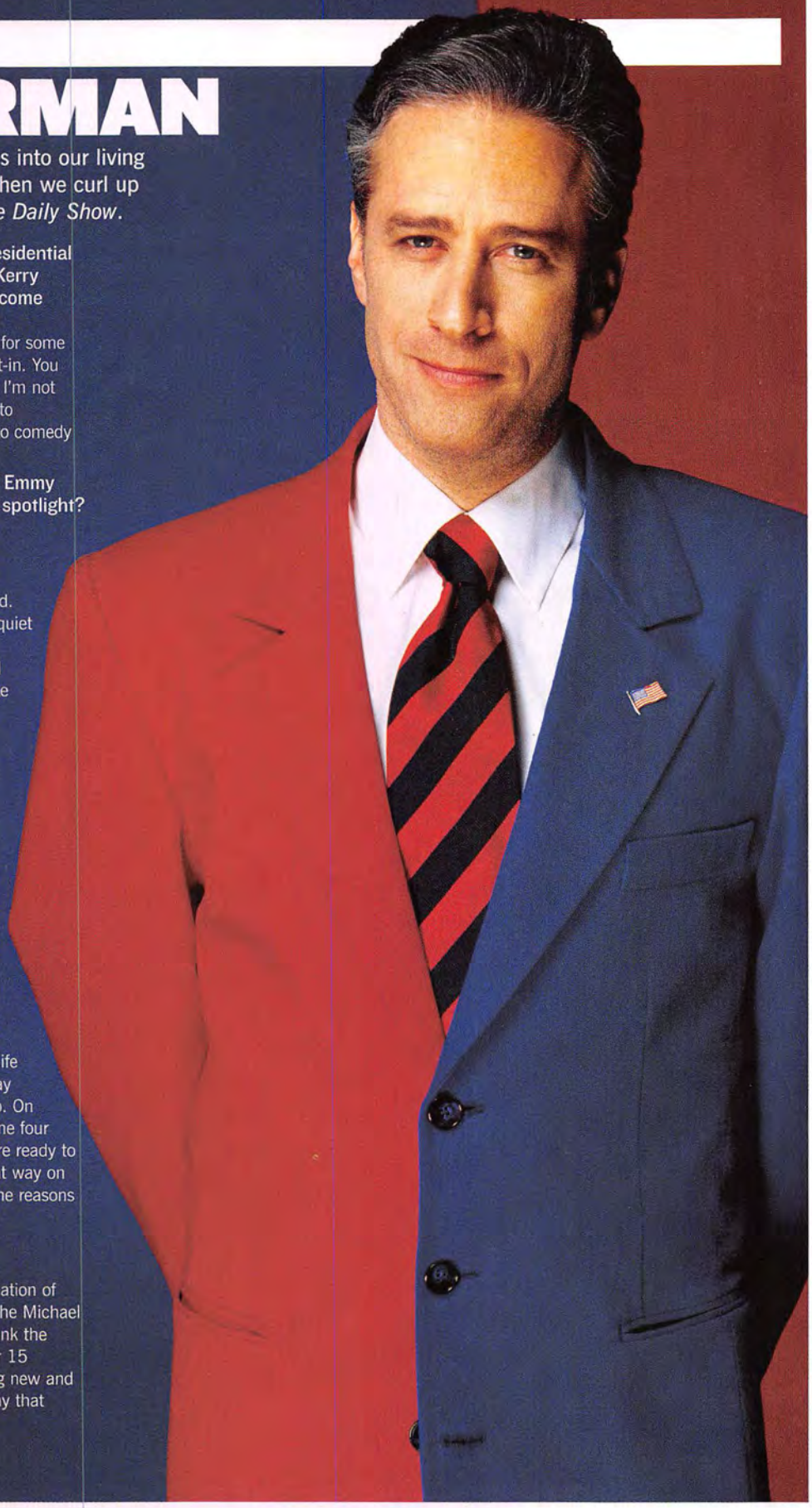
Your show has earned lovely bouquets of Emmy awards. Would you rather it not be in the spotlight?
Sir, my career is loaded with things that get no praise. I'd be happy to get a free T-shirt.

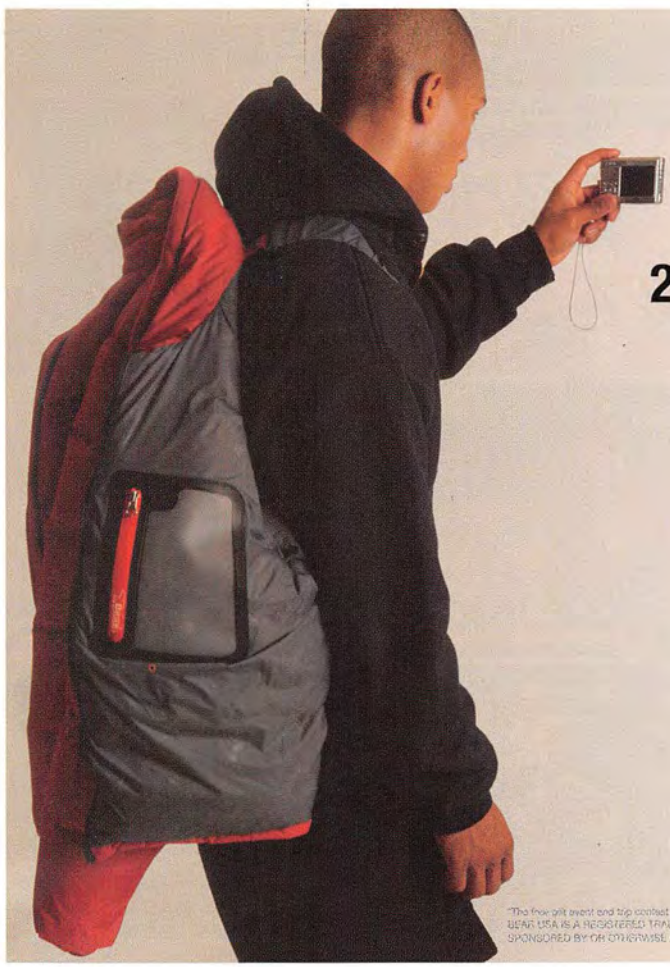
Really? You're known as a private guy.
I don't want to say where the bodies are buried. No, honestly, I'd say my wife and I are pretty quiet people. On New Year's Eve, I think I stayed awake long enough to roll over to my wife and say, "Hey, I think it's time. Dick Clark looks like he's high on something."

People say they want to be entertained when they read a newspaper. What exactly does *that* mean?
Maybe they think the paper needs to be lemon scented. Some people may say they want cocaine with their newspaper, but that doesn't mean it has to be provided to make subscriptions go up. That's the difference between entertainment and journalism. There's a responsibility to not go there.

Why do so many politicians want to be on your program, then?
Well, certainly they realize they aren't walking into David Frost's den when they come to our little show. It's five minutes of goofiness. The life of a politician is a perpetual campaign. The day they stop doing that is the day they hang it up. On the day they come on our show, they have done four coffee parties in people's living rooms. They are ready to be goofy, and you rarely see politicians act that way on television. They come on our show for the same reasons they do anything: for voters and for money.

How do you decide on your top story of the day?
A coin flip. We're not in a *Sophie's Choice* situation of whether we should lead with the farm bill or the Michael Jackson court case. It's not so difficult. We think the Britney Spears story, when she got married for 15 minutes, was great for us. That means nothing new and worse happened that day in the world. The day that Britney Spears is the top story is a good day.
—Terry Morrow





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"Hey, guys, whatcha doin'? Can I play?" asked the guy on the right. Yep, even aliens have nerds.

GAME OF THE MONTH

HALO 2

XBOX MICROSOFT/BUNGIE

Turns out that blowing up a chunk of a civilization tends to piss off the inhabitants. Just ask Afghanistan—or the Covenant, the conglomeration of alien races that gamers fought in *Halo*. They're back, and they're threatening to overrun our home planet like Scientologists hopped up on Red Bull. It's up to you to lead the global resistance, as you strap on the cybernetic helmet of the Master Chief. (Like our helmet, it's glittery and has a little flag attached.)

Thanks to an all-new physics engine, vehicles now blow up into glorious chaos, with wheels, wings and parts flying everywhere. Advanced weapons, such as the one-hit-kill Plasma Sword, make slaying aliens more fun than new nipple clamps. And the sleek, sprawling designs of the year 2552 will sizzle your retinas—that is, when the newly destructible environments aren't crumbling from heavy weapons fire.

But where the sequel will really fondle your boys is in the multiplayer modes. New level designs let you funnel the action into wide-open areas or allow you to stalk the terrain's nooks and crannies looking for the perfect sniping spot. It's now compatible with Xbox Live, so you can bust out your rocket launcher at buddies all over the country. With *Halo 2*, Microsoft has truly cooked up video-game crack—but without the salty aftertaste. —*Evan Narcisse*

He didn't listen when we told him that even robots need sunscreen.

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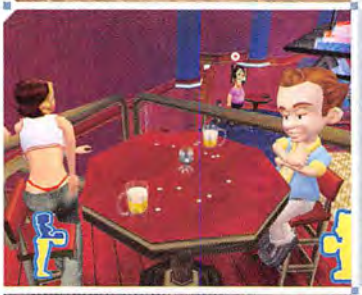
THE PLAY LIST

GRAN TURISMO 4

PS2 SCEA

GT4 boasts more than 500 cars and plenty of online enhancements, so you can build your Frankencar by swapping a monster engine into a tiny Ford Focus and testing its stamina on the road. Or in the bedroom, if you really, really love your car.



LEISURE SUIT LARRY: MAGNA CUM LAUDE

PS2, XBOX, PC VIVENDI UNIVERSAL

Loveless loser Larry tries to get laid the modern way—on a dating reality show. You'll get the chance to bump uglies in a school-mascot suit, so you can finally indulge in your plushie fantasies without buying the koala costume.

PRINCE OF PERSIA 2: WARRIOR WITHIN

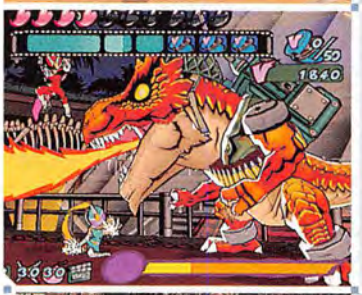
PS2, XBOX, GC, PC UBISOFT

After saving the world, the Prince has to save his own ass. You'll shred enemies with double-blade action and control time—so you can go back and stop yourself from hitting REPLY ALL on that e-mail from your boss.

RUMBLE ROSES

PS2 KONAMI

This all-chick wrestlefest ain't just cheap T&A. (Not that there's anything wrong with that.) Expect humiliating moves with added bitch-slap action in the mud. *RR* also features a hands-free mode—so you can practice the sleeper hold on your own little wrestler.



VIEWTIFUL JOE 2

PS2, GC CAPCOM

Joe's back—and he's got a viewtilicious babe, Silvia, who's a playable character. *VJ2* fuses more freeze-frame kung fu with cartoonish beat-'em-up action and a heroine who reminds us of our fave high-school cheerleader—without that whole making-us-cry thing.

FIGHT CLUB

BOMB OF THE MONTH

PS2, XBOX VIVENDI UNIVERSAL

The first rule of *Fight Club* should be "Don't make a shitty video-game version of *Fight Club*." Despite X-ray close-ups that show the carnage, the standard punch-kick controls and the lack of a story make this fall flatter than Meat Loaf did in the movie. —*E.N.*

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CHEAT SHEET

SURVIVING *EVERQUEST II*

With 400,000-plus players, the online epic is four times the size of another creepy place: Gary, Indiana.

DON'T NINJALOOT

It sounds good: Let someone else do all the work and then claim the reward. We do it at *Stuff*. But stealing treasure from the team that defeated the Nightbloods of the Deathfist Citadel makes you really unpopular. Which explains why no one sits with us at lunch.

DO JOIN A GUILD

Guilds are like street gangs—they'll help you battle monsters and introduce you to their hot elf friends.

Her kisses taste like chicken.

DON'T BE A QUESTWHORE

Win friends by meeting them for a drink in one of the game's taverns. Bribe them with enough beer and they'll follow you into the Earthen Badlands—'cause ain't no one as loyal as Ye Knights of Olde English.

DO LISTEN TO THE NEWS

The world of Norrath contains five continents, several planes and a few extra dimensions. Talking to other players will help you gather information about quests, treasures, tournaments and even bake sales in other areas. Those ogres make a tasty meringue!

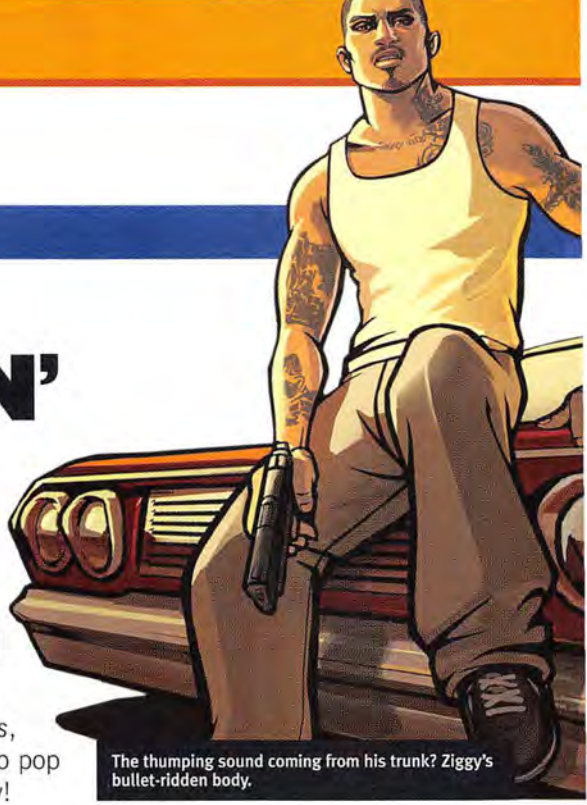
DON'T BUY YOUR GEAR ON EBAY

Until Sony banned the practice, rare magic items fetched more than $1,000 on eBay. Now, you'll have to buy that Giant Axe of the Firestorm Mist in the game, or administrators will revoke the item. So save your money and use it to get that Thai manservant you've been eyeing. —*Jason Buhrmester*

INSTANT CLASSIC

AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A *GTA* THANG

Embrace your inner gangsta in *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas*, where it's socially acceptable to pop a cap in someone's ass. Finally!



The thumping sound coming from his trunk? Ziggy's bullet-ridden body.

Partial reason our penis is stuck in a PS2 disc tray.

Strap on your bandanna and start sippin' on gin and juice, because the latest addition to the GTA dynasty, *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas*, has you representin' for your peeps on the West Coast. There are even more surprises, characters and missions in this PS2-exclusive game, so you'll be big-pimpin' in no time. Fo shizzle! (People still say that, right?)

Who's the man?

Carl Johnson—or, as his homies call him, CJ—is a gangbanger who has been away in *GTA3*'s stomping ground, Liberty City, for five years. But a death in the family brings him back to his hometown of Los Santos, where CJ hooks up with his old gang, the Orange Grove Families, to take on rival crews the Flats and the Ballas. The OGF settles the score thug-style, with four-person drive-bys, a feature new to the series. Thanks to all-new customization options such as anytime wardrobe swaps and different haircuts, everyone's CJ will look different. (Tommy Vercetti couldn't say that.) Malnourished thugs scare no one, so CJ will also need to get his grub on to regulate Los Santos' streets. If he eats too much, CJ will pork out and become the object of ridicule from passersby as he gets slower and fatter, eventually landing his own Showtime series—just like Kirstie Alley.

"This one's really popular with the kids," said the manager of the Sears portrait studio.

Location, location, location

This latest wrong-side-of-the-law opus takes place in an area five times the size of Vice City. For the first time, game play spans both city and countryside, and those cracker-ass rednecks don't take too kindly to no gangbangers. Tractors, boats and off-road quad bikes will be yours for the jacking when you traverse the back roads. You can make extra cash by hijacking a semi full of fuel. In the game's two other urban areas, expect Insane Stunt Bonuses aplenty in the hilly version of San Francisco, San Fiero, and get your poker face ready for your visit to the *GTA* version of Las Vegas. Just like in real life, what happens in Las Venturas stays in Las Venturas.

Name that tune

San Andreas' airwaves will have a mix of classic country, early-'90s pop and, of course, more G-Funkin' West Coast rap than Suge Knight can shake a cigar at. In fact, DJ Pooh, a former DJ for Ice Cube and a contributor to the blunt-smokin' *Friday* movies, scripted *GTA:SA*. We love his wacky adventures with Eeyore and Tigger. —*Evan Narcisse*

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

MARÍA ESQUIVEL

Hollywood's sexiest Latin American since Ricardo Montalban spices up the small screen this month.

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Home base: Born in Argentina; currently lives in Los Angeles

Celluloid cred: VJ on SiTV's *The Drop*; featured in *Something's Gotta Give*; appears in a slew of recent commercials, including ones for Wendy's, Volvo and Coors

STUFF: Tell us a little about your gig on *The Drop*.

MARÍA: It's like MTV, but more Latin. I'm the crazy one there. I don't care about anything. I'm very spontaneous.

A lot of people say that working on TV is tough. Prove it.

For a Wendy's commercial, I had to say, "This salad is so good." After six hours of eating it, I was throwing up in the car. After it was over, I was like, "I don't want to see salad for a while."

You moved to L.A. two years ago. Has it been all parties with incoherent rock stars and suspect advances from casting directors?

I'm not into the Hollywood scene. When people come up to me and say, "I'm an agent," I say, "OK, I'm a psychologist. Get out." Or I talk about my husband and kids, even though I have none.

What's the lamest way an almost-famous guy has hit on you?

I met this actor who told me he was going to be on *Jay Leno*. I thought he'd put in a kiss for María or something, but he didn't say anything. Later, he was like, "Did you see the show? Did you like it?" And I'm like, "I don't understand why you told me to see the show." And he said, "It's a good show, and I wanted you to see how I looked on it." Give me a break.

What else is a deal-breaker when it comes to men?

You have to have good manners. I've been on so many dates, and I see how guys use the fork. This is important. I can be with the most gorgeous, talented guy, but if he doesn't know how to eat properly, I could never take him to my parents' house.

[*Putting down Red Lobster bib and licking sticky fingers*] Well, duh.

—*Joe Alewine*

You think that's big? Wait till you see his ball 'fro. It's unreal!

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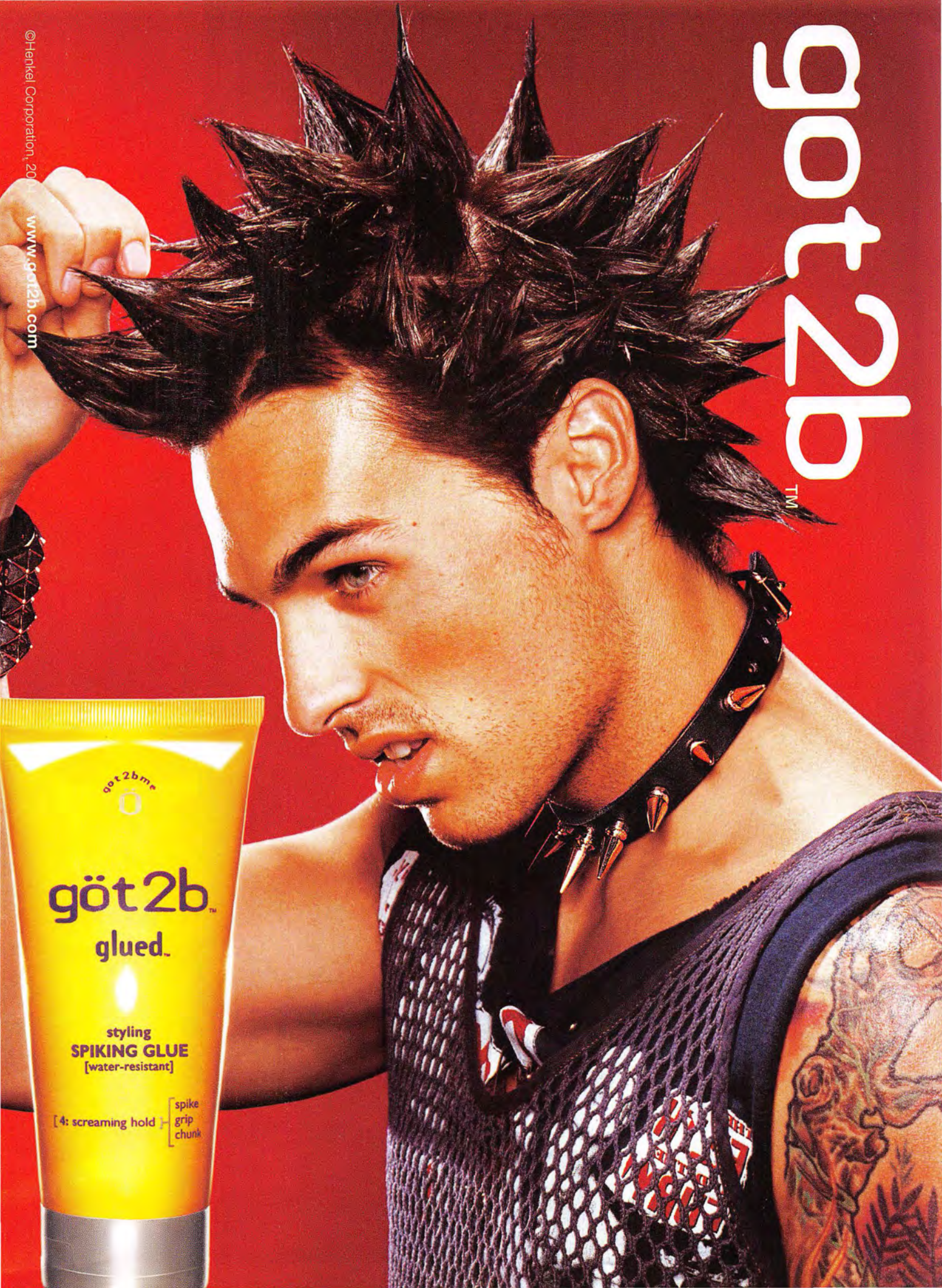
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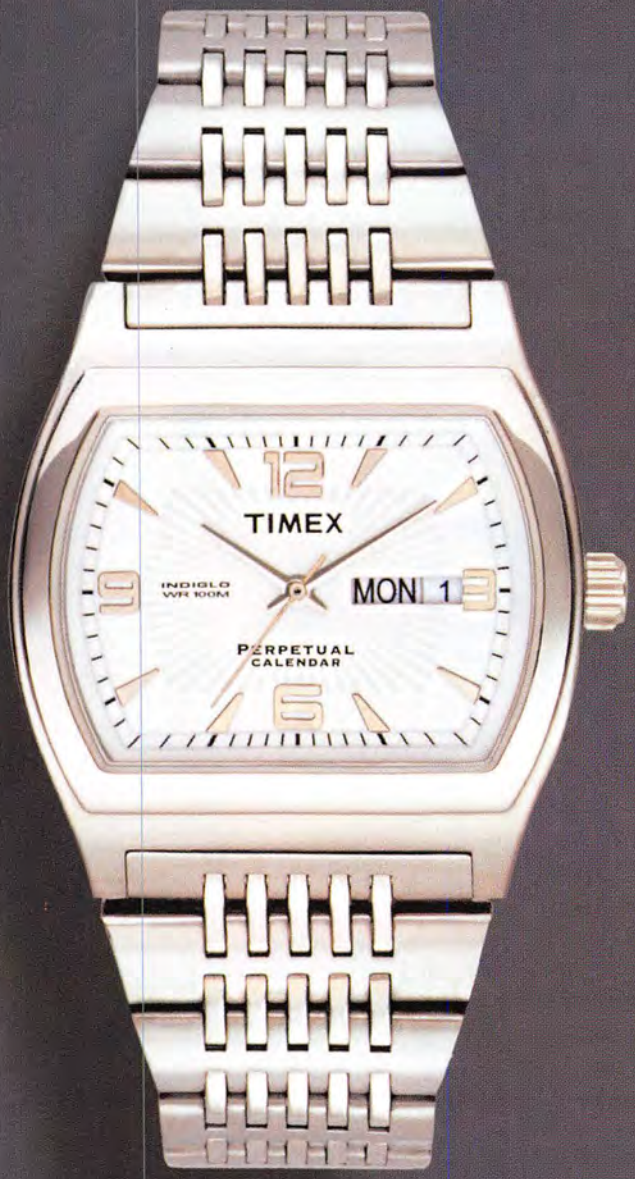

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WHEELS
Audi A4; Audi A8; Range Rover. "My Range Rover is on 22s, and I'm putting new wheels on the Audi A4. Gotta drive in style."

MP3 PLAYER
40 GB iPod. "I have 350 albums in there. That's the best thing ever. If you listen to music when you go shopping and cruise around doing whatever you do, it completely changes your whole world."

DVDs
Hundreds. "We collect them on tour. Every time we play, they are backstage waiting for us. *The Fog of War* is one of my favorites. I like learning."

COMPUTER
PowerBook G4. "Only an Apple. If you don't use an Apple, then you're a very suspect individual."

CAMERA
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STEREO
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WATCHES
Ulysse Nardin "Freak"; Bulgari; Panerai. "They only made a couple hundred of the Freaks. They are very hard to find, and they are very expensive. The Panerai was used by the frogmen in the Italian Royal Navy."

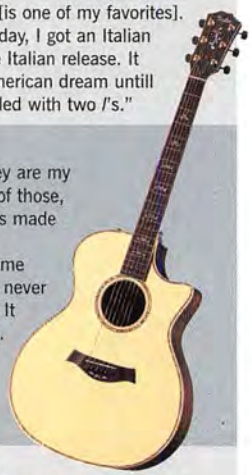
OTHER COOL STUFF
Tom DeLonge Signature Gibson guitar. "It has a big racing stripe down the middle, there's only one knob on it, and it's a really cool chocolate-brown and cream. It looks very vintage."

JOSEY SCOTT
LEAD SINGER, SALIVA

WHEELS
2004 EXT Escalade; 1981 Corvette; **2001 Corvette**; 1967 Cadillac limousine; 1972 Nova SS. "I bought the limo in Tennessee. Elvis Presley was the first owner. It was bought as a gift for Joe Esposito, his right-hand man."

DVDs
Hundreds. "*Scarface* [is one of my favorites]. Last year for my birthday, I got an Italian movie poster from the Italian release. It says, 'He lived the American dream untill the end.' *Until* is spelled with two *l*'s."

GUITARS
Taylor acoustics. "They are my favorite. I've got four of those, including one that was made for Elvis for his 40th birthday. It has his name in the pearl inlay. I've never even played that one. It still has the pick on it. It's worth a lot of money. I don't even touch it."



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MP3 PLAYER
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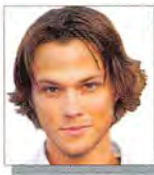
TVs
36-inch Sony Trinitrons. "I have one in all the bedrooms, one in the living room and one in the kitchen. Elvis had TVs in every room. I do everything Elvis did. Except the drug overdose."



JARED PADALECKI
ACTOR, *THE FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX*, *HOUSE OF WAX*, *NEW YORK MINUTE*

WHEELS
2000 Pontiac Firebird. "I need something bigger, because I just adopted another dog. I bought it when I was in high school, and it was cool, but now I want to get rid of it. I'm six-foot-two and tired of slumping to get in and out of it."

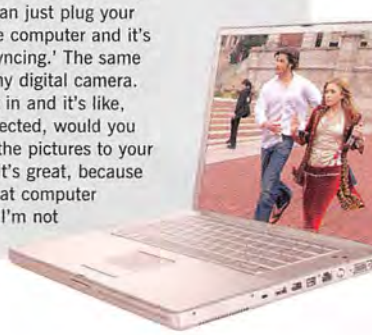
CELL
Sidekick from T-Mobile. "It's amazing. Internet, text messaging, Web browser, AOL IM, phone, notepad, to-do list—everything! I was sitting in traffic the other day, and all of a sudden, I was reading the e-mails my friends sent me."

TV
Sony 65-inch HDTV. "I'm about to get a plasma for the downstairs, and I just got DirecTV. I just got a new place, and one of the rooms is so ripe for a TV above the fireplace. I got NFL Sunday Ticket, and it'd be sweet to watch some football and grill some steaks."

WATCHES
Diesel; Omega; TAG Heuer; Puma; Code; Mark Ecko. "The Code has a really thick brown band with a cool thin dial, and the Mark Ecko has a silver cover with a rhino on it. When I was in Africa, I wanted to go on safari and see a rhino."

CAMERA
Pentax Optio S4. "It's four megapixels, and it holds 256 MB. It also fits inside an Altoids tin. I love the portability of it."

COMPUTER
15-inch PowerBook G4. "With Macs, you can just plug your iPod into the computer and it's like, 'iPod syncing.' The same thing with my digital camera. I just plug it in and it's like, 'Camera detected, would you like to load the pictures to your computer?' It's great, because I'm somewhat computer literate, but I'm not a genius."



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STUFF TEST

Camera operator **Duane "DC" Manwiller** has helped film *Ocean's Eleven*, *Legally Blonde 2*, *Traffic*, *The Insider* and more than 30 other films.

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PICK OF Stuff THE MONTH

WORK WITH ME, PEOPLE!

We asked a camera operator from *Ocean's Twelve* to rate the best new MiniDV camcorders. (The kid at Circuit City was on break.)

BY ROB REED PHOTOGRAPH BY ALEX CAO

1 BEST FOR PAPARAZZI

JVC GR-DX307U $800

- Powers up in less than three seconds for quick-draw action.
- 1.33-megapixel CCD captures 540 lines of horizontal resolution.
- 10x optical and 500x digital zoom.
- If it's dark, a built-in LED automatically triggers, showering your subject and her bodyguards in soft light.
- At 3.7" x 3.7" x 2.1" and one pound, it's small enough to fit inside your trench coat.

Duane says "I'd throw this in my pack for shooting mountain biking on a trail. The biggest plus is the huge three-inch LCD screen—it makes it so much better to operate." **jvc.com**

2 BEST NEAR-PRO MODEL

PANASONIC AG-DVX100A $3,995

- Records at 24-frames-per-second progressive (24p), the same frame rate of expensive professional film cameras.
- Has a full-auto mode, but settings such as color temperature, white balance and gain can be tweaked.
- Has three-CCD recording for superior picture quality.
- 3.5-inch LCD
- 10x optical zoom.

Duane says "[Director Steven] Soderbergh had me use this for some surveillance-camera shots in *Ocean's 12*. It's a great camera for shooting a short or an independent film with little or no budget." **panasonic.com**

3 BEST MULTITASKER

SONY DCR-PC350 $1,300

- 3.31-megapixel CCD records superb video and still images.
- Optional burst mode snaps up to 21 stills per second.
- Base station both charges and links to your TV or PC.
- 2.5-inch LCD features touch-screen menus and a second START/STOP button.
- 10x optical and 120x digital zoom.
- Pop-up flash does just that when it's dark.

Duane says "I love the easy-to-master touch-screen menu. This seems to have the best zoom, as well. Some cameras tend to be a pain in the ass to do a smooth zoom with, but this is rock solid." **sony.com**

4 BEST BUDGET PRO MODEL

CANON ELURA 70 $800

- Simultaneously shoot video (to a MiniDV tape) and still images (on the included 8 MB SD memory card).
- True 16:9-aspect wide-screen ratio gives video a cinematic feel.
- 18x optical and 360x digital zoom.
- 2.5-inch LCD.
- Image stabilizer for chronic shakers and a night-mode setting for hotel heiresses.

Duane says "Soderbergh and I used the pro Canon XL-1 for *Full Frontal*, and this is pretty much a less expensive version of that. This is a sweet camera for the price." **canon.com**

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STUFF TEST

RUSSIAN FOR JUICE

Flavored vodkas prove that fruit makes everything tastier. Except Shasta. PHOTOGRAPH BY SATOSHI

STOLICHNAYA CRANBERI $20

Like premium cranberry-juice cocktail, Stoli Cran tastes both tart and sweet without being too much of either. This is the most fragrant vodka of the lot, so use it to liven up your screwdriver. That, or support Cape Cod's economy and drink it with more cranberry juice.

SMIRNOFF GREEN APPLE TWIST $15

Although it has the sweet smell of apple Laffy Taffy, this Smirnoff won't yank out your fillings. Serve it chilled with a splash of triple sec and the juice of half a lemon in a martini glass. Garnish it with leftover apple Halloween candy. But take out the razor blades first.

SKYY MELON $17

Cantaloupe, honeydew and watermelon flavors make this taste supermelony. If you want to get crazy, cut some plugs into a watermelon and pour in a bottle. Let it sit for a couple of days, then slice it up and serve it with chilled shots. Serve those with even more shots.

ABSOLUT RASPBERRI $20

Red bottles make stuff from Sweden look appealing—even Ikea. The rich raspberry flavor in this one will jazz up your vodka and tonic or smooth out your Southern Comfort. End date night with a dessert drink by adding chocolate liqueur to it. By "it," we mean your date.

SVEDKA VANILLA $12

This has so much vanilla aroma that you should try baking something with it—like a vodka turnover! Or mix it with equal parts Kahlúa and milk to turn your White Russian into something even whiter. Think Lenin in a snowdrift. Naked. Now drink to forget.

BELVEDERE POMARAŃCZA $33

This Polish vodka uses macerated fruits—i.e., fruits steeped in vodka—to instill its blend of citrus flavors. It's smooth enough to stand alone, so chill it, pour it into glasses and pretend you've mixed the greatest martinis ever. Then pretend you have guests.

INFUSION CONFUSION

Good Eats host Alton Brown, author of *I'm Just Here for More Food*, on maceration: "Let the fruit and vodka sit on the counter for three to four days. For one bottle of vodka, you will need about a pint of fruit."

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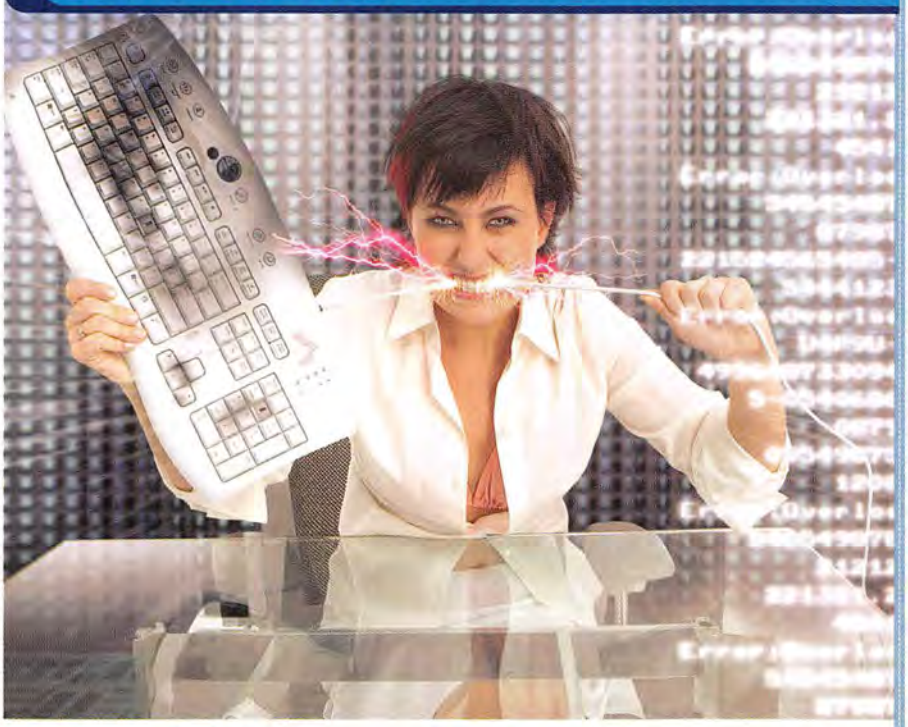

ASK THE TECH CHICK

PHOTO SHOPPING

Former Tech TV host Cat Schwartz can handle any question you throw at her—as long it's about printing photos or iPods.

Should I get a photo-quality printer and glossy paper or stick with getting my prints from photo Web sites like Ofoto and Shutterfly? *—J. Mickley, Houston*

You want to print pictures of your girlfriend pretending she was dead in the hot tub last weekend, right? Dead man's float? That's why my boyfriend wanted to know about in-home printing. I'll tell you the same thing I told him: It depends on how much you plan on printing. I've used Ofoto, and it's great: quick, high-quality prints for cheap (29 cents per 4" x 6"). But eventually the need for instant gratification began to build—we like to get naked and pretend we're dead all over the place—so we got a printer. You can score an excellent printer for minimal cheddar. The cute little HP Photosmart 245[1] is the size of a toaster and allows you to print right from your memory card and preview via a small onboard LCD—no PC necessary. It's $199 and prints great-looking photos with awesome color (a resolution of about 4,800 dpi). For larger prints, try the Canon i9900. It's closer to $500 but kicks Ofoto's ass any day. PS: Make gurgling sounds when doing the float to heighten the experience.

What's the best thing to do when my iPod battery begins to crap out? (Not that mine has, knock on plastic.) *—Barry McLean, Durham, N.C.*

Having performance problems, are you? Don't worry: It happens to a lot of guys. And now there's help for dudes like you in the form of a trip to the doctors at the Apple store. All batteries have a life cycle—even rechargeables. The iPod[2] gets a bad rap because people are obsessed with them and they get tons of play. If you use the battery all the time—duh—eventually, it's gonna poop out. Apple introduced a policy to replace dead batteries for $99 (after the one-year warranty expires and in the likely case you don't have iPod Apple Care insurance, which costs $59 for two years of coverage). If the idea of paying Apple another hundred bucks to install a new battery gives you indigestion, you could hack the machine and put a third-party vendor's battery in yourself—they run about $50 or less online. Just be careful, because 'Pods aren't meant to be opened. To extend the lifetime of your iPod battery, avoid letting it sit unused when fully charged and leaving it in hot temperatures. For performance problems in other areas, try strangulation.

ITEM 1

HP Photosmart 245

ITEM 2

Apple iPod

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SEXY AT ANY SPEED
"Dyno Truth or Dare" segment host Jaime Wilson challenges guys to demonstrate their motor mojo on the Speed Channel's *Sports Car Revolution*. We dared her to tell us the truth about 2005's new cars. She did—so now we have to make out with her German shepherds. Luckily, they're cute!

BUMPER CROP

GET A RACING START ON THE NEW YEAR WITH THE HOTTEST 2005 MODELS THIS SIDE OF MISS UNIVERSE 2023.

BY MARTY PADGETT
PHOTOGRAPH BY GUY SPANGENBERG

JAIME SAYS:
"This is a beautiful, fantastic, splendid car. The Aston's quality has improved while still keeping the classic British styling. It's something you'd see on the streets of Beverly Hills or Bel Air. Driving this will make you look better."

ASTON MARTIN DB9

Like the new Jaguar XJ, the DB9 is made of aluminum that's riveted and glued together, sort of like a fuselage, and then strapped to a massive V-12 to make it light and quick enough to escape the orbit of Earth. If the DB9 hardtop doesn't strike your fancy, the Volante convertible version will disrobe in about 17 seconds, giving you a better view of the world as it blurs by on your way to the retirement home. (No, you can't just take your grandma to the woods and "set her free.")

PRICE $155,000; $168,000 for Volante convertible; available now.

THE GOODS 450-hp 6.0-liter six-speed automatic or manual; side airbags; in-dash six-disc CD changer.

SPEED 60 mph in 4.7 seconds; approach the moon at 186 mph.

THE X FACTOR A chick magnet so powerful you'll need to buy a warehouse to store your condoms. (It'll be cheaper than the car.) ▷▷▷

DODGE DAKOTA

JAIME SAYS: "It's a good truck. I own one, so I can say that. I throw my three German shepherds in it. It fits us all. I can play in the mud and get it dirty, and then it cleans up well. I drive it all the time."

It's the biggest and bawdiest midsize truck around, but most important, the new Dakota is sturdier and studlier than ever. It got upsized a few inches in every direction to boost interior room. It keeps its 7,000-pound towing capacity, and it has enough space under its hood to wedge in a 250-hp Magnum V-8. And a wedge of cheese.

PRICE $20,000, plus more for extras (such as automatic or a CD player); available now.

THE GOODS Optional V-8; airbags for everyone; available four-wheel drive.

SPEED 60 mph in about 10 seconds.

THE X FACTOR It's tough like a Tonka, though it's less chewable.

CHRYSLER 300C

JAIME SAYS: "This has great performance. The HEMI is what makes it powerful. It's a big, beautiful luxury car. I see a pimpin' business guy rolling around in this."

The Escalade has a challenger as the king of bling. This bruising four-door with a new HEMI and four-wheel independent suspension is the first sign that Benz's partnership with Chrysler is a good thing. You'll shoot to 60 mph as fast as four-doors that cost twice as much. This HEMI has a cuddly tree-hugger side, too: It boosts fuel economy by cutting off cylinders when you don't need them. Like we do with our family.

PRICE $32,995; available now.

THE GOODS 5.7-liter HEMI V-8; 340 hp; power everything.

SPEED 60 mph in about six seconds; top speed around 150 mph.

THE X FACTOR The minivan inventors give birth to a badass.

PONTIAC G6

JAIME SAYS: "The guy who drives this doesn't have a big ego. He's someone low-pro, like me at the grocery store. It's not a showoff car, but it's still sleek and beautiful."

Cheer along with Pontiac as it deep-sixes the Grand Am—the rental car you loved to abuse—and brings on the slinky G6. Right now, this midsize is just a four-door, but by the second half of '05, Pontiac will offer two-door-coupe and hardtop-convertible versions. But from day one, you can snap up the 200-hp G6 or the more luxurious G6 GT. Then snap up those adorable button-fly culottes before you get out of the car.

PRICE $21,300; $23,925 (GT); available soon.

THE GOODS Four-speed automatic with manual-shift mode; V-6.

SPEED 60 mph in eight seconds.

THE X FACTOR As Middle American and sexy as Ohio State's homecoming queen. ▷▷▷

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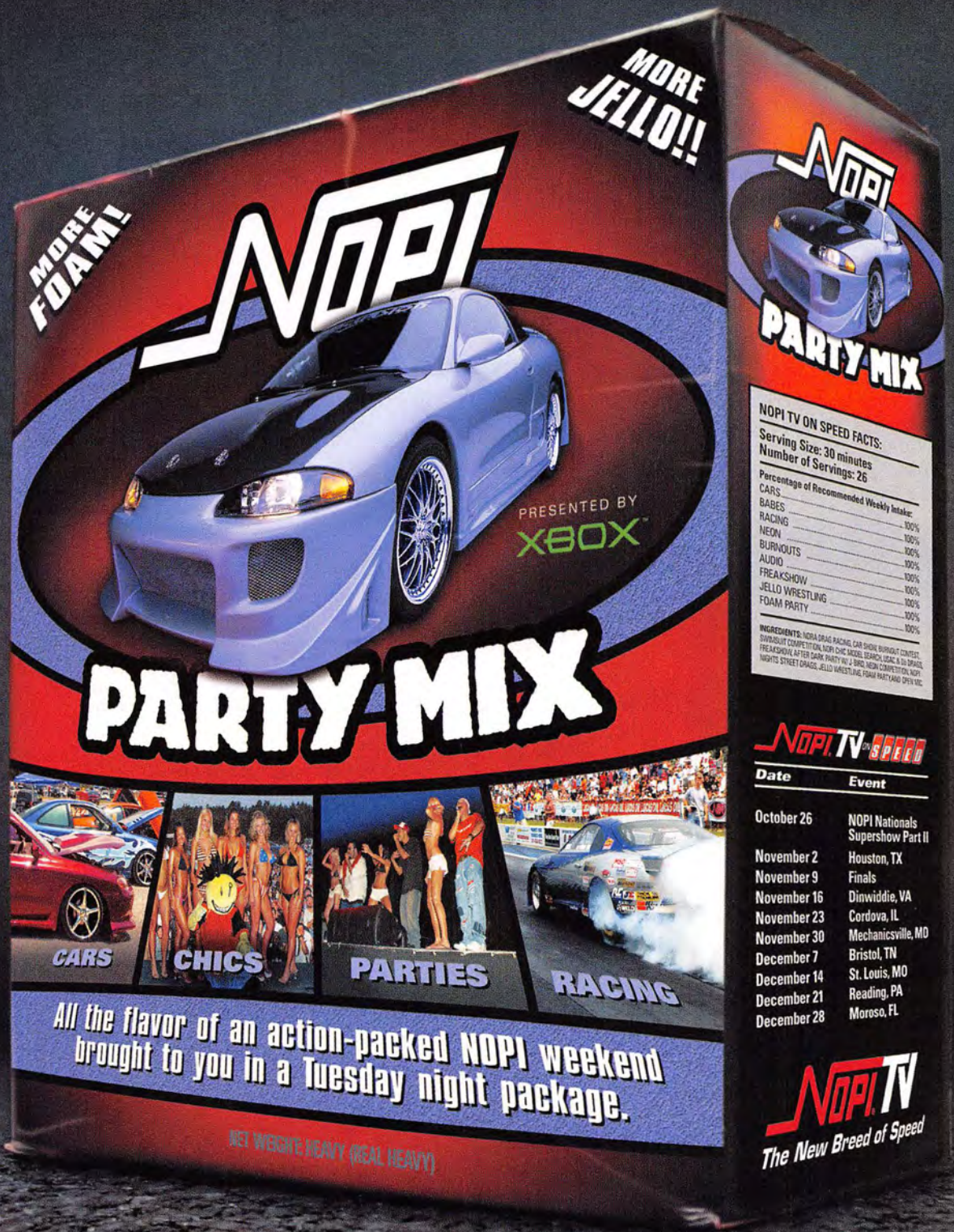

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JAIME SAYS:
"The shape is better than last year's model. The keyless ignition is very cool. This car says that the driver is a successful gentleman."

CADILLAC STS

Cadillac has recently gone Benihana, slicing and dicing its rides into nifty new shapes and occasionally tossing a stir-fried shrimp into your crotch. Now the full-size STS has gone under the knife and come out with a snazzy rectilinear shape. This 320-hp V-8 cruiser comes with either rear- or all-wheel drive, so you can do doughnuts on your ex's lawn or a four-wheel drift across it. There's a V-6 version available, but it's only for leg shavers.

PRICE $62,768 (Northstar V-8 with all-wheel drive); available now.

THE GOODS 4.6-liter V-8; DVD navigation; Bose audio system; curtain airbags; keyless ignition.

SPEED The V-8 goes to 60 mph in less than six seconds and has a top speed of 155 mph.

THE X FACTOR The suavest Motown playa eva, now with international moves and styling.

JAIME SAYS:
"I love this car! It's perfect, beautiful. I would get it in an automatic—it's just easier in L.A. But I don't know if I would date a man who couldn't drive a manual. That would be a red flag. I'd wonder, *Why haven't you learned?*"

AUDI A6

That hallmark Teutonic flair oozes from the new A6, from its available quattro all-wheel drive to its tiptronic transmission to its grand new grille. The A6 is improved in every way: It has a range of engines, a roomier interior and active cornering headlamps that turn slightly in the direction you're steering. Why, right now they say you're heading for ruin.

PRICE $40,000 to $50,000; available now.

THE GOODS 255-hp V-6 or 335-hp V-8; six-speed gearbox; leather interior; available air suspension and adaptive cruise control.

SPEED 60 mph in about six seconds for the V-8; tops out at 130.

THE X FACTOR An autobahn cruiser right at home on the interstate—just like our stepmom!

LAND ROVER LR3

Land Rover is dropping the disco-ball sissy that is the Discovery and cranking up this new midsize ute. Borrowing most of the Range Rover's classy details, the LR3 keeps the quirky Discovery roofline but underpins it with a new V-8. The company has also slipped in a new automatic tranny and a whole bunch of off-road electronics, such as traction control and hill-descent control, which can keep you from ending up in shitholes—such as Barstow. (In its defense, Barstow does have an Olive Garden.)

PRICE Starts at $46,000; available now.

THE GOODS 300-hp 4.4-liter V-8; six-speed automatic; air suspension; optional third-row seat.

SPEED 60 mph in eight seconds; ultimately capable of 121 mph.

THE X FACTOR A fun-size Range Rover with enough electronic backup to tour with Yes. ▷▷▷

JAIME SAYS:
"Another car to benefit from Ford ownership. It has improved off-road handling, above what was already best in class, so it will keep you from getting stuck in quicksand parking lots."

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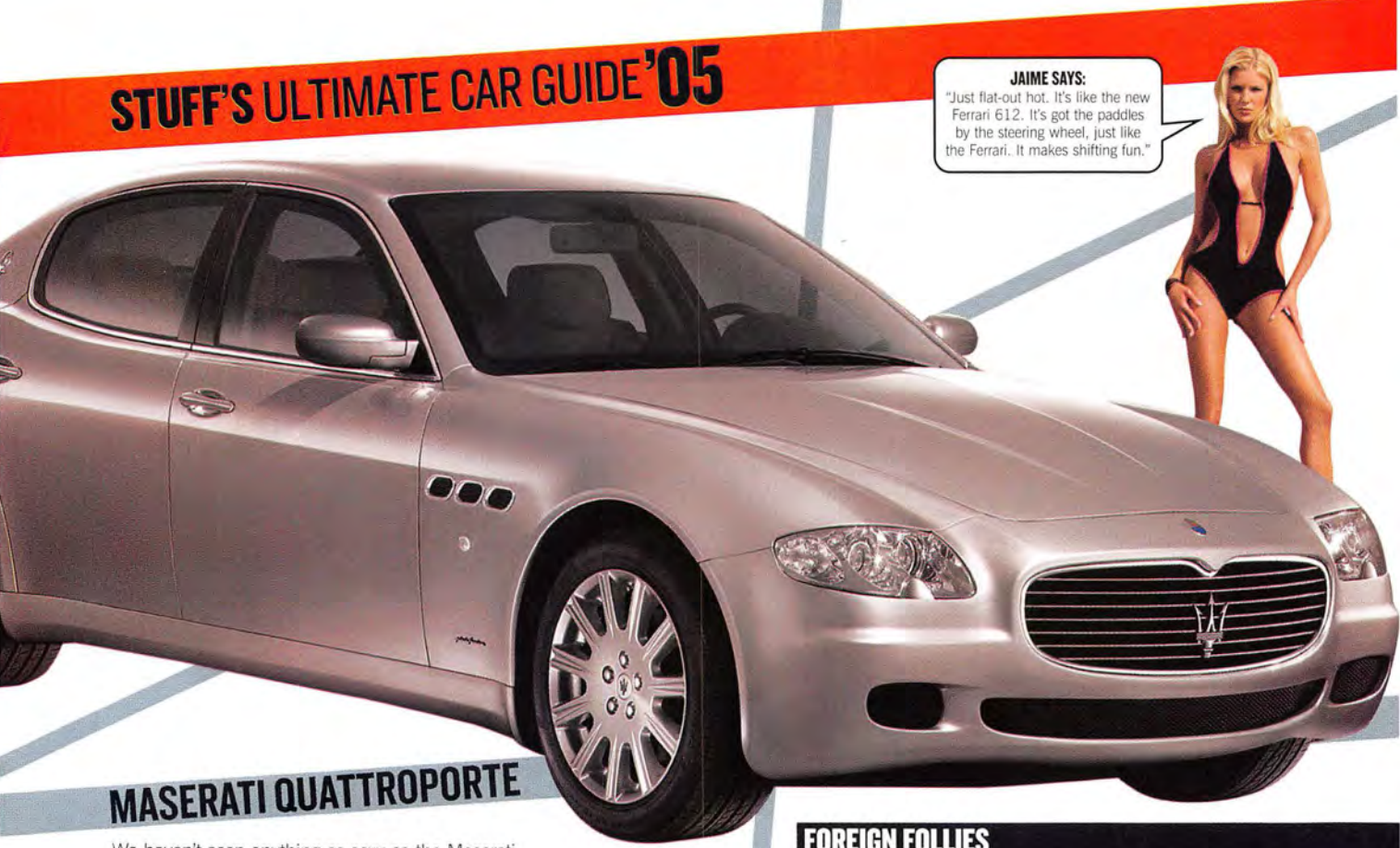

JAIME SAYS:
"Just flat-out hot. It's like the new Ferrari 612. It's got the paddles by the steering wheel, just like the Ferrari. It makes shifting fun."

MASERATI QUATTROPORTE

We haven't seen anything as sexy as the Maserati Quattroporte in our driveway since the neighbor's dog attempted to breed with our guinea pig. But fear not: The Q-Porte is priced so you can own your own exotic Italian four-door without having to make someone an offer he can't refuse. The motor was designed with parent company Ferrari, and the Maz's style is pure *dolce vita*—as are its huge Brembo brakes, active suspension and rear-seat TVs, which you won't find in a Ferrari unless you're at a used-car clearance sale in Tijuana. And in that case, you'll need a really long extension cord.

PRICE $100,850; available now.

THE GOODS 400-hp V-8; semi-manual six-speed automatic; enough leather to start a PETA protest.

SPEED 60 mph in 5.2 seconds; tops out at 171 mph.

THE X FACTOR A zesty combination of sheet metal, speed and, if you order correctly, pesto.

FOREIGN FOLLIES

Like Dutch girls, these vehicles leave a bad aftertaste.

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PRICE Sub-$26,000; available now.

THE GOODS 3.0-liter V-6; 203 hp; available AWD; third-row seat.

SPEED 60 mph in 8.5 seconds.

THE X FACTOR Don't call it a wagon—it prefers the gender-neutral *crossover*. ▷▷▷

JAIME SAYS:
"It's got the horsepower, and it's perfect for a guy who wants to throw stuff in the back—fishing gear and stuff—but doesn't want to be in a truck. Plus, it's affordable."

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JAIME SAYS:
"I love the new shape. It's great that Ford is continuing its retro cars. This is a fun car. The guy who drives this is hot. Now, if Ford could just make a Shelby version, that would be great."

FORD MUSTANG GT

Like Aerosmith, Mustang rocks on into the new century—except that the 'Stang has new bones to support its skin. Its new shape plays like a greatest-hits package, while the burbling 300-hp V-8 elicits the cool of *Old School*'s Frank the Tank. Best of all is the new chassis, which was cranked out by computers to create the stiffest, stoutest, best-cornering Mustang ever. Inside are retro vents and gauges that change colors and a crazy-loud Shaker sound system. All this and headlights, too!

PRICE Less than $20,000 for the V-6; about $25,000 for the V-8; available now.

THE GOODS 210-hp V-6 or 300-hp V-8; five-speed manual or automatic; grabby brakes; safety gear of the gods.

SPEED About seven seconds to 60 mph; top speed of 143 mph.

THE X FACTOR It has *classic* written all over it. At least, it will once we find our Sharpie!

JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

This edition of the Grand Cherokee has the soul of the old Wagoneer, the coolest sport-utility vehicle to roam the earth before cup holders were invented. Its straight-edge style includes a 330-hp HEMI stuffed under the hood, a smooth highway ride and as good as ever off-road performance. The new Grand Cherry comes with cylinder deactivation, which means it shuts off some of the cylinders while you're driving and gets you 20 percent better gas mileage than the old GC V-8. The base model sports a V-6, and five-speed auto is standard on all. We'd say it's our favorite Cherokee yet, but we don't want to offend the guy who runs the casino in our backyard.

PRICE $25,000 to $40,000; available now.

THE GOODS Available four-wheel drive.

SPEED 60 mph in about seven seconds; top speed of more than 130 mph.

THE X FACTOR Whodathunk that sticking a big engine in a classic American SUV would be such a good idea? OK, smartass, put your hand down. ▷▷▷

JAIME SAYS:
"Again, the HEMI motor is very cool. It'll rip the doors off most other SUVs. It's a turbo bargain. Cherokees are classy but still like being trucks."

AIRBAG 1.2

GOLF SWINGER

If you live in a place where traffic goes slower than 35 mph (say, Manhattan) the two- or four-seat GEM electric vehicle ($6,995 or $8,995) is perfect for hitting balls, hitting the stores or maybe hitting the neighbor's cat after you've had one too many Pixy Sticks. **gemcar.com**

MUSIC MATCH

BMW and Apple owners can blend their must-have-the-latest lives with an adapter that integrates iPods directly into their cars' sound systems. The adapter ($149) will work in the 3 Series vehicles, the Z4, the X3 and X5 SUVs, and the M3. (In our El Dorado, we just pretend that the AM signal is our collection of traffic-report MP3s.) **ipodyourbmw.com**

HIDE AND SEEK

Garmin's StreetPilot 2620 ($1,517) is a portable navigation system with a hard drive that stores more than five million destinations, and it includes a USB cable so you can update its maps online. For fun, try finding Ben Affleck's career! **garmin.com**

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NISSAN PATHFINDER

JAIME SAYS:
"It has space for seven people, and it can tow your boat, your Wave Runner or a dune buggy. I love the seat warmers. The Pathfinder would be really good for camping and off-roading, but you can still cruise around the streets."

Alpha males have loved the Pathfinder ever since it struck out on the trail back in the 1980s, but this is the first model to grow into the hiking boots of other midsize utes. It shares its mechanicals with the new Nissan Frontier pickup, so the Pathfinder brings it on with a steroid-infused grunt via a 250-hp V-6, available four-wheel drive and a third-row seat—so your mule has somewhere to sit.

PRICE $26,000 and up; available now.

THE GOODS 4.0-liter V-6; 250 hp; stability control; five-speed automatic; seat warmers.

SPEED It tows nearly three tons and carries seven. How fast it does so is sort of not the point. It's not polite to point out when someone's slow.

THE X FACTOR Always a fave, now a brute.

SAAB 9-2X AERO

JAIME SAYS:
"This is a cool little racer car and would be a fun tuner. I'd drop it and put it on 18s."

Saab takes the best parts of the Subaru WRX's underpinnings and hardware (including the 227-hp turbo engine that comes with the Japanese version of the rally-inspired wagon), wraps them in a better-looking body and a nicer interior, and presents you with the 9-2X. We like its sculpted nose, the black-and-white interior that reminds us of Oreos, and the all-wheel-drive goodness of the chassis, which has been tweaked by Saab to make a little less noise but give the same grip. We also like the low turbo growl because it drowns out the sirens. Now, if they could only do something about those pesky flashing lights.

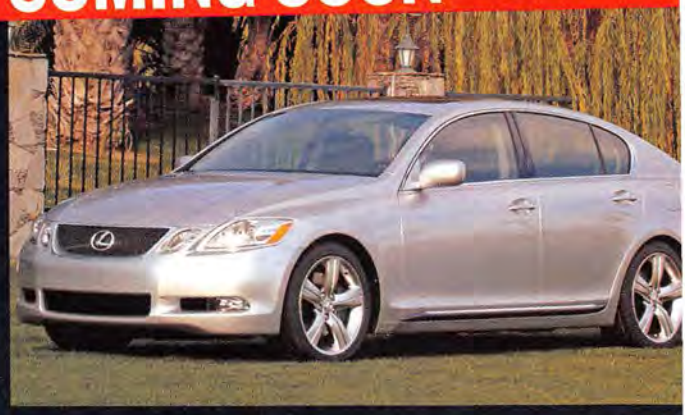
PRICE $26,950; available now.

THE GOODS 2.0-liter turbo flat four; five-speed manual; all-wheel drive.

SPEED 60 mph in six seconds; zoom to 142 mph.

THE X FACTOR Lightly Swedened for the rally crowd.

COMING SOON



Nothing says 2005 like 2006 car models. Sure, we're speculating, but we're batting 1.500 in our predictions! Or is it .150? We never learned stat talk.

LEXUS GS

The sports sedan (above) will have available all-wheel drive in '06 for better traction and bragging rights. The V-6 version will boast 245 hp, and the V-8 will boast 300 hp. Paying $40,000 to $50,000 will get you all this, plus steering-wheel shift buttons.

HUMMER H3

The Hummer trims down from XXL to L, putting its name on a platform similar to that of the Chevy Colorado pickup. Expect a four-door H3 SUV and an H3 SUT with a pickup bed. Both should come equipped with Hummer's now-legendary off-road capability.

MERCEDES-BENZ M-CLASS

The new Alabama-manufactured Benz ute is better than ever after the 2006 redo. It has more power, a sleeker shape and a couple of kissin' cousins pulled from its new chassis: an R-Class crossover wagon and possibly a GST touring wagon.

BMW 3 SERIES

The major moneymaker for BMW shows up with a racy new style similar to the flamelike sheet-metal bends on the 5 Series and the Z4 roadster. A lightweight six-cylinder engine could produce nearly 250 hp, giving the 3 better handling and quicker acceleration.

MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE

Mitsubishi hopes this all-new two-door-coupe hybrid will help put the company back into American buyers' hearts and wallets. The Eclipse grows longer with a bigger backseat and gains some power for its V-6 engine with all-wheel drive.

CHEVY HHR

It's a retro-styled midsize wagon—in this case, patterned after the 1949 Suburban. The HHR is based loosely on the new Malibu and gets a V-6 motor with up to 220 hp. But we'll wait for a retro-style Chevy patterned after the classic 1832 Steam Engine.

INFINITI M45

Stunning Euro good looks and a honking 340-hp V-8 remake Infiniti's touring sedan from middlebrow dullard to sedan you'd most like to have sex with. If you could actually have sex with a car.

DODGE CHARGER

This year, it's the Chrysler 300C. Next year, Dodge will get its own HEMI-powered four-door with mad *Baretta* style and a future in NASCAR racing already planned. Expect more than 340 horsepower and a nasty sunburn from all the time you spend outside washing it.

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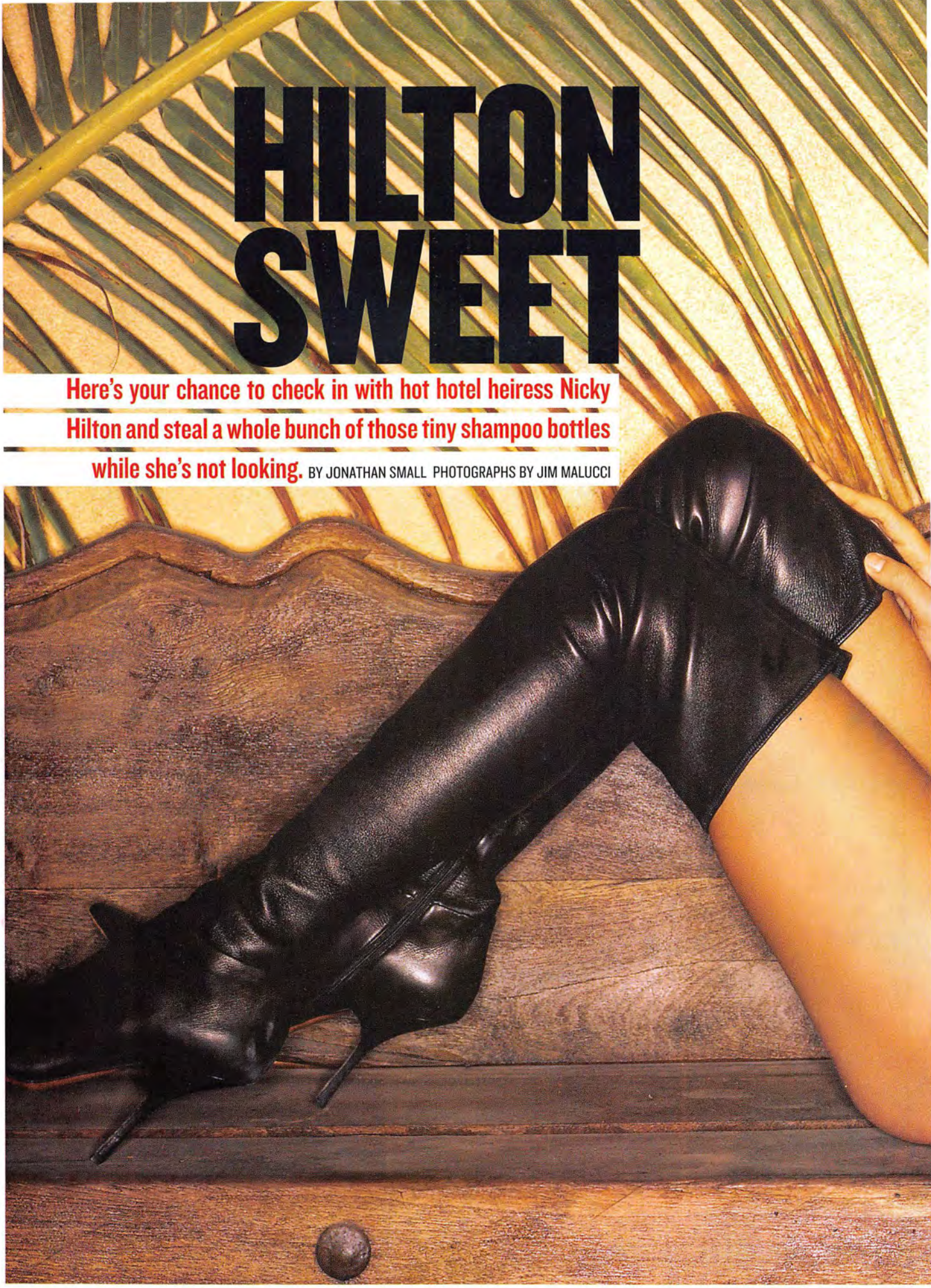
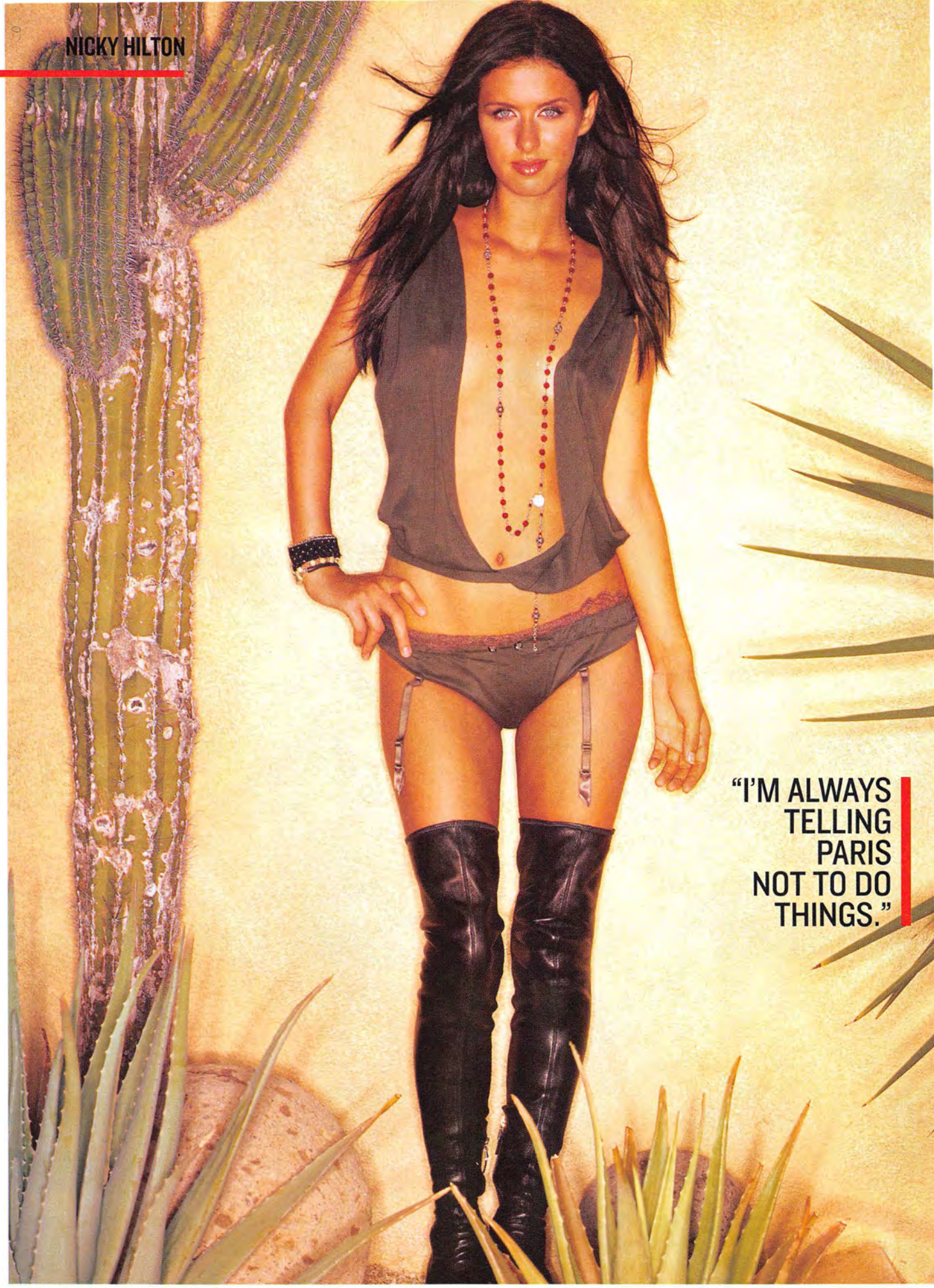
WITH THE GAME HEADED INTO OVERTIME, JEFF KNEW LEAVING HIS SEAT FOR A SMOKE WASN'T AN OPTION.

THAT'S WHEN HE TURNED TO (PAGE 105).

HILTON SWEET

Here's your chance to check in with hot hotel heiress Nicky Hilton and steal a whole bunch of those tiny shampoo bottles while she's not looking. BY JONATHAN SMALL PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM MALUCCI





"I'M ALWAYS TELLING PARIS NOT TO DO THINGS."

You can tell a lot about Nicky Hilton just by looking at her cell phone—it's an old, beat-up Samsung with a faded Hello Kitty sticker. The hotel heiress could not only buy a BlackBerry 7750, she could also probably buy out the company. But that's not her style. Unlike her omnipresent sister, Paris, Nicky is happy working stealthily behind the scenes. "I'm the shy one," she says. "I'm very shy when all the attention is on me."

Like it or not, the attention was like a glaring prison spotlight when she got married in August. Her Las Vegas wedding—which happened right after she'd partied at a *Stuff* bash—was international news. For Nicky, the attention was baffling, shocking and kind of weird. "Maybe I was just being naive, but I did not expect it to be such a big deal," she says. She's hoping that all of a sudden, interest in her will chill and she'll be able to return to her regularly scheduled life as a fashionista. (She designs the new clothing line Chick, and her handbags are popular with Bijou Phillips and Lindsay Lohan.) But during our interview at the Polo Lounge in Beverly Hills, her junky cell won't stop ringing. She looks at the caller ID and rolls her eyes. "I get crank calls from the weirdest area codes," she says. "I just know not to answer." Do you hear that? Enough is enough, Dad.

STUFF: So, you got married right after the *Stuff* party. Can we take any credit for that?
NICKY: We planned it out. Paris orchestrated everything—where we got married, where we got the license.

Why did you decide to take the death plunge?
I've known Todd for four years—he's a family friend. He's the funniest person I've ever met. He teases Paris. Man, he gets under her skin. He's always trying to embarrass her in front of her boyfriends. He talks about how messy her room is. She gets so mad. Like, we were going to dinner last night, and she said, "I'm only going if Todd doesn't embarrass me." And of course he did.

Why didn't you keep the wedding a secret?
I'm an idiot. When I signed the license, I thought the media wasn't going to pick up on it if I used my real name, Nicholai Hilton. Then I got home and turned on CNN and saw the story on the news ticker. So we were pretty happy to get out of town and do the *Stuff* photo shoot in Mexico the following week. ▷▷▷

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"I wish my bags were that nice," sighed Monica Lewinsky as she ripped into her fourth sirloin.

Did the paparazzi follow you to Mexico?
When we got back, I opened up a magazine, and there were pictures of the shoot in there. [The paparazzi] were good, because I didn't see them at all, and I can usually spot them anywhere. There are always paparazzi outside our house. I pretend I don't see them. I run to my house and run to my car.

Do you ever get sister envy and want to be the wild one?
Paris is really young at heart—I'm the older one in the relationship. I'm always telling her not to do stuff. If she's wearing something really silly, I'm like, "Don't go out wearing that."

You and Paris live together. Is that like *Animal House* meets *Beverly Hills, 90210*?
It's like living with your best friend, but we're night and day. I like preppy guys; Paris loves pretty boys and models. I always have to do all the food shopping, and she always eats all my food. She always steals my Cokes. She'll open one, have a sip, then put it back in the fridge—it's so gross.

Do you get along with her dog, Tinkerbell?
She's sweet, [but her other pets] are really annoying. Paris works so much, so I have to feed them and walk them. She has two ferrets, which I love, but they smell and they spray. Her bobcat, Pixie, will meow all day and won't stop until you pet it. Paris wanted to buy a kangaroo, but then they told us that they get as tall as humans and start punching you in the gut.

Your house was robbed recently. Were you home when it happened?
I walked in the front door, and there were clothes all over the floor. Then I went up to my room, and the door was broken down. There were flat-screen TVs and computers everywhere, but they didn't take any of that. They just took personal stuff. They went right for the Louis Vuitton bags and jewelry. I think they knew us and had been there before.

What's your average credit-card bill like?
I pay my credit-card bills all myself—my parents never see them. So I don't feel guilty about recklessly spending their money, because it's my money. But they're pretty large at times—especially when I go to Europe.

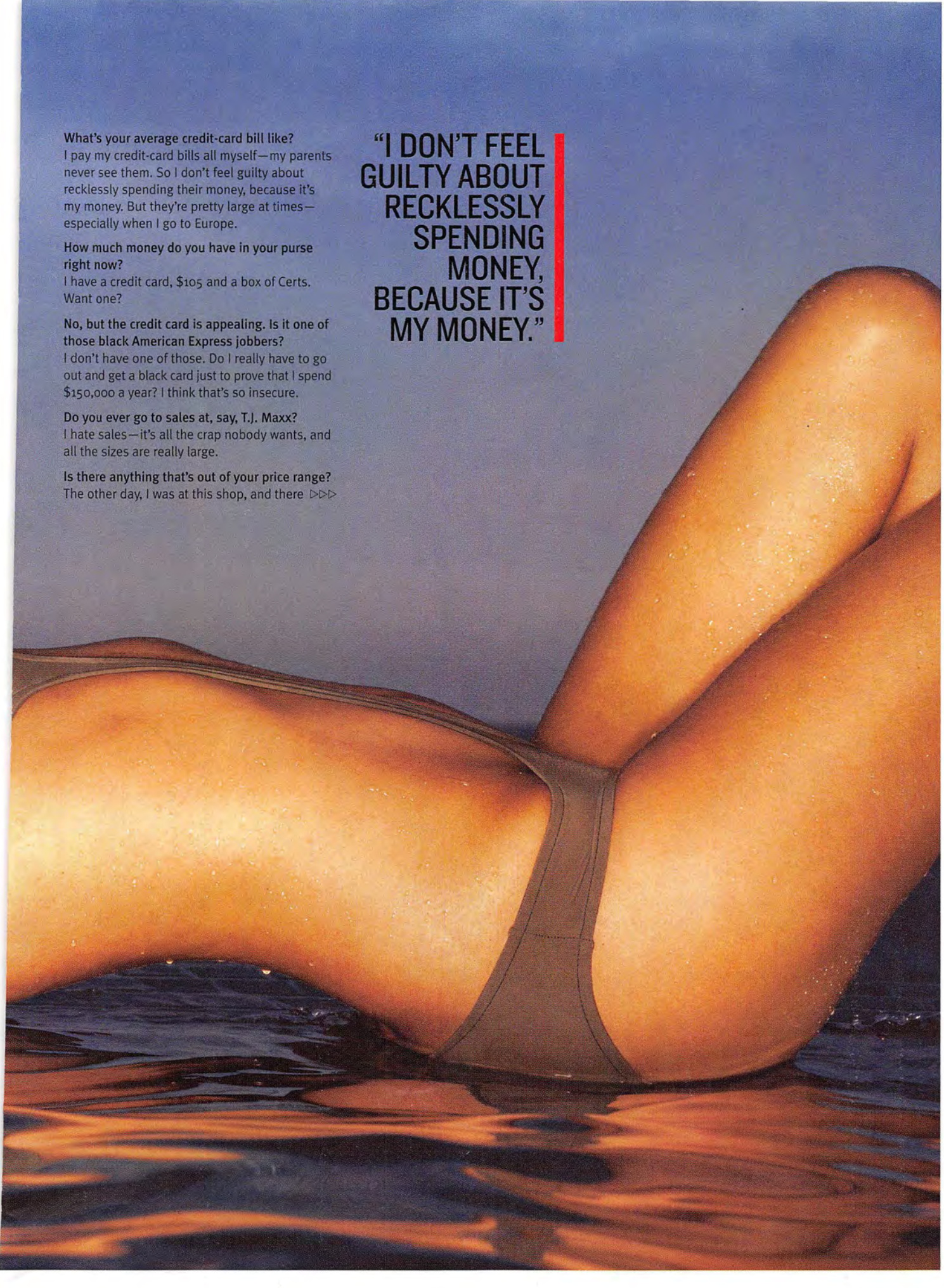
How much money do you have in your purse right now?
I have a credit card, $105 and a box of Certs. Want one?

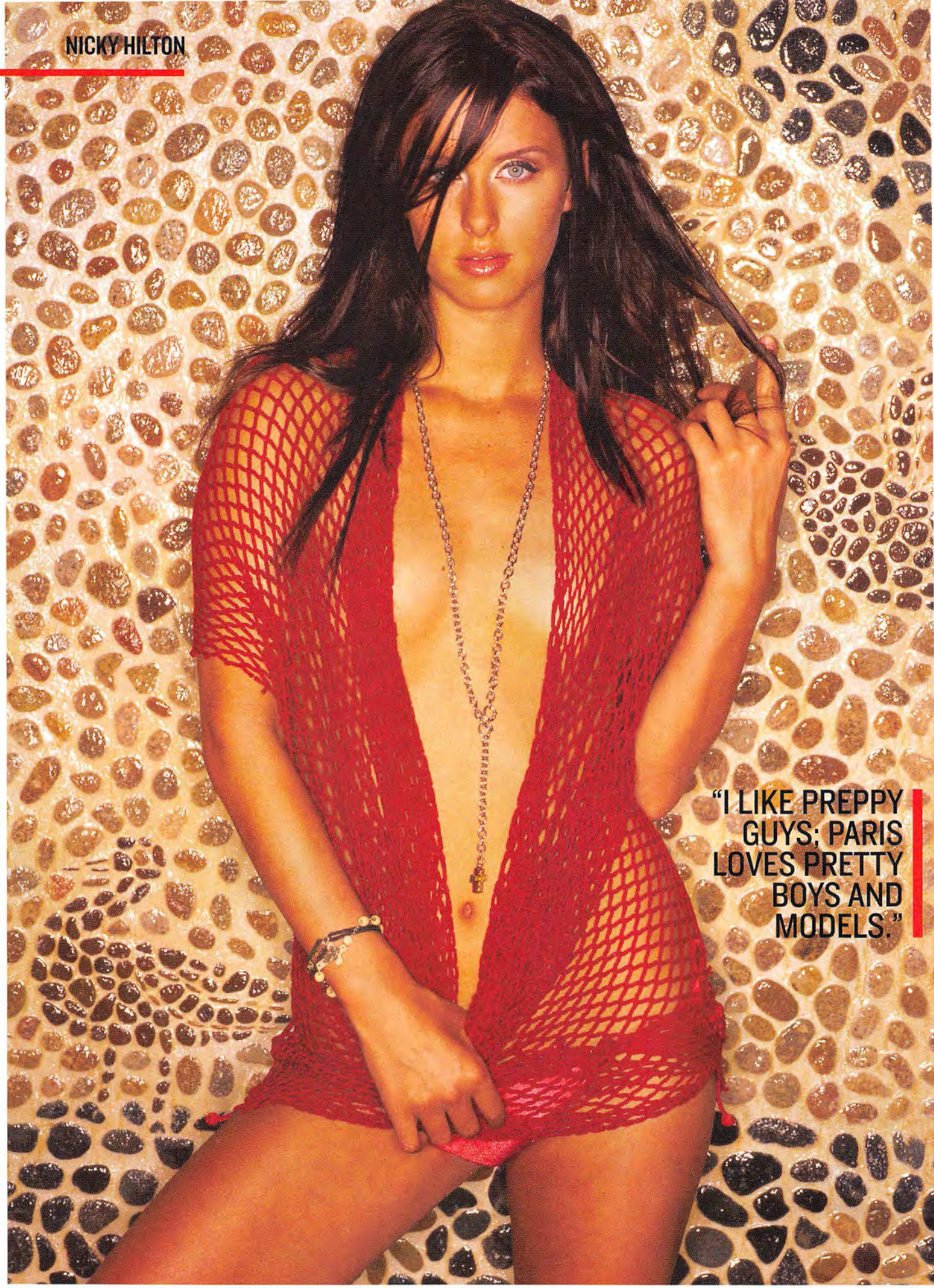
No, but the credit card is appealing. Is it one of those black American Express jobbers?
I don't have one of those. Do I really have to go out and get a black card just to prove that I spend $150,000 a year? I think that's so insecure.

Do you ever go to sales at, say, T.J. Maxx?
I hate sales—it's all the crap nobody wants, and all the sizes are really large.

Is there anything that's out of your price range?
The other day, I was at this shop, and there ▷▷▷

"I DON'T FEEL GUILTY ABOUT RECKLESSLY SPENDING MONEY, BECAUSE IT'S MY MONEY."





"I LIKE PREPPY GUYS; PARIS LOVES PRETTY BOYS AND MODELS."

Nicky makes her own clothes. She must be really poor.

was this top that cost $3,000. The clerk was pushing me to buy it, and I was like, *I don't care how rich I am—I'm not going to pay $3,000 for a T-shirt.*

What did you think of that crappy Wayans brothers movie about you and your sister, *White Chicks*?
It didn't bother me. Imitation is the highest form of flattery. I just wished the two chicks who played us were hotter. They were kind of funky looking. I ran into the Wayans brothers in the green room at the MTV Movie Awards, and I said, "Nice movie." And they were like, "It's not about you!" I'm like, "Guys, the movie features two blond hotel heiresses with houses in the Hamptons, New York and L.A., and you're really going to tell me it's not about us?" They just laughed and said, "OK, whatever—it was loosely based on your life."

Do you have any interest in the hotel business?
Totally. I would love to open a boutique hotel in Vegas. I've talked about it with people. I would design the place.

Do you hang out with other famous sisters? The Olsen twins or Serena and Venus?
No.

How about the Comfort Inn sisters?
No, we're the only hotel chicks.

Final thoughts: Does money indeed buy happiness?
No. As clichéd and trite as it sounds, money does not buy happiness at all. If you're happy, you're happy. If you're not, you're not. Buying a bunch of stuff is not going to make the gloominess go away. Money buys designer stuff—that's all.

So you wouldn't mind paying for lunch, then?

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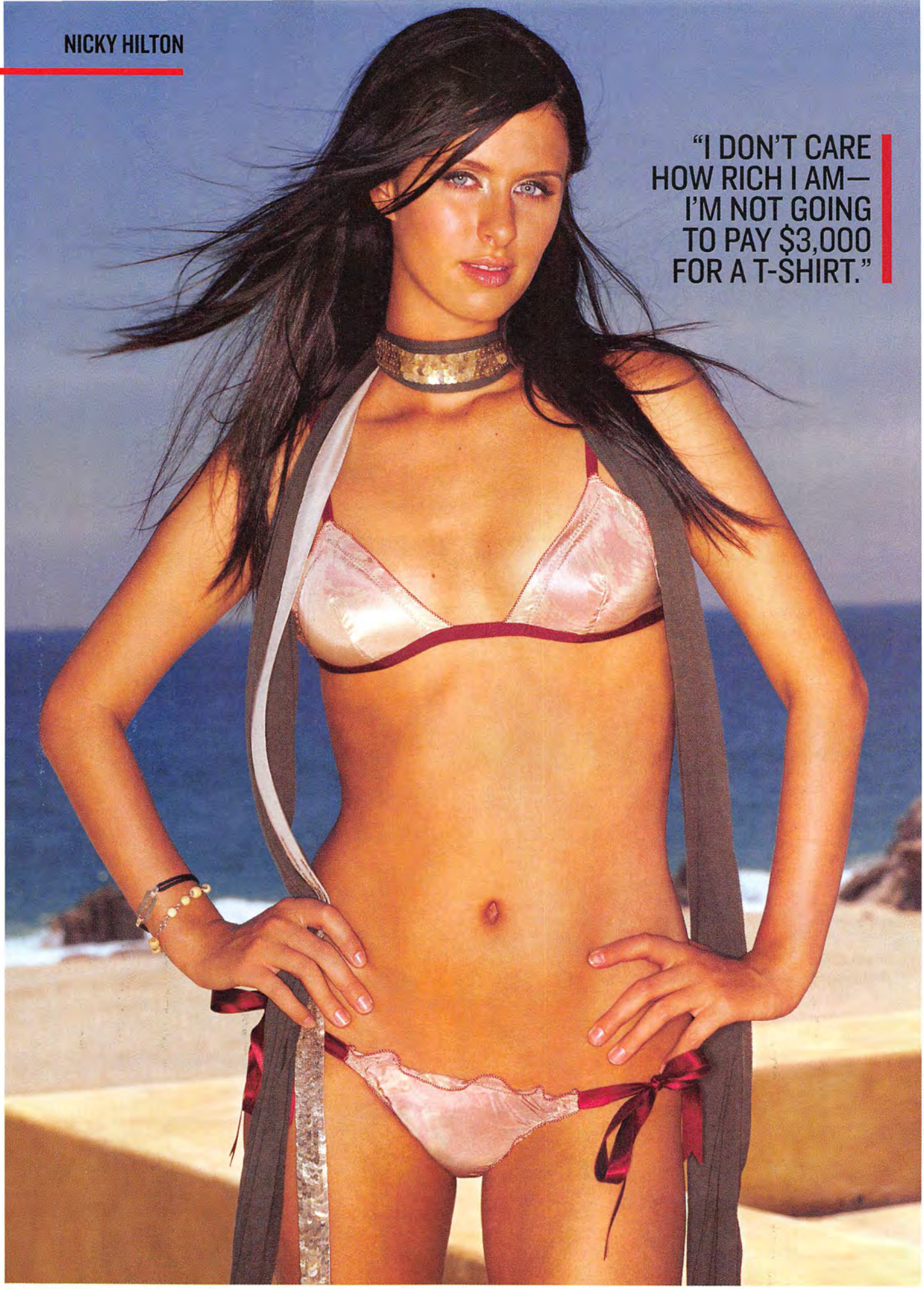

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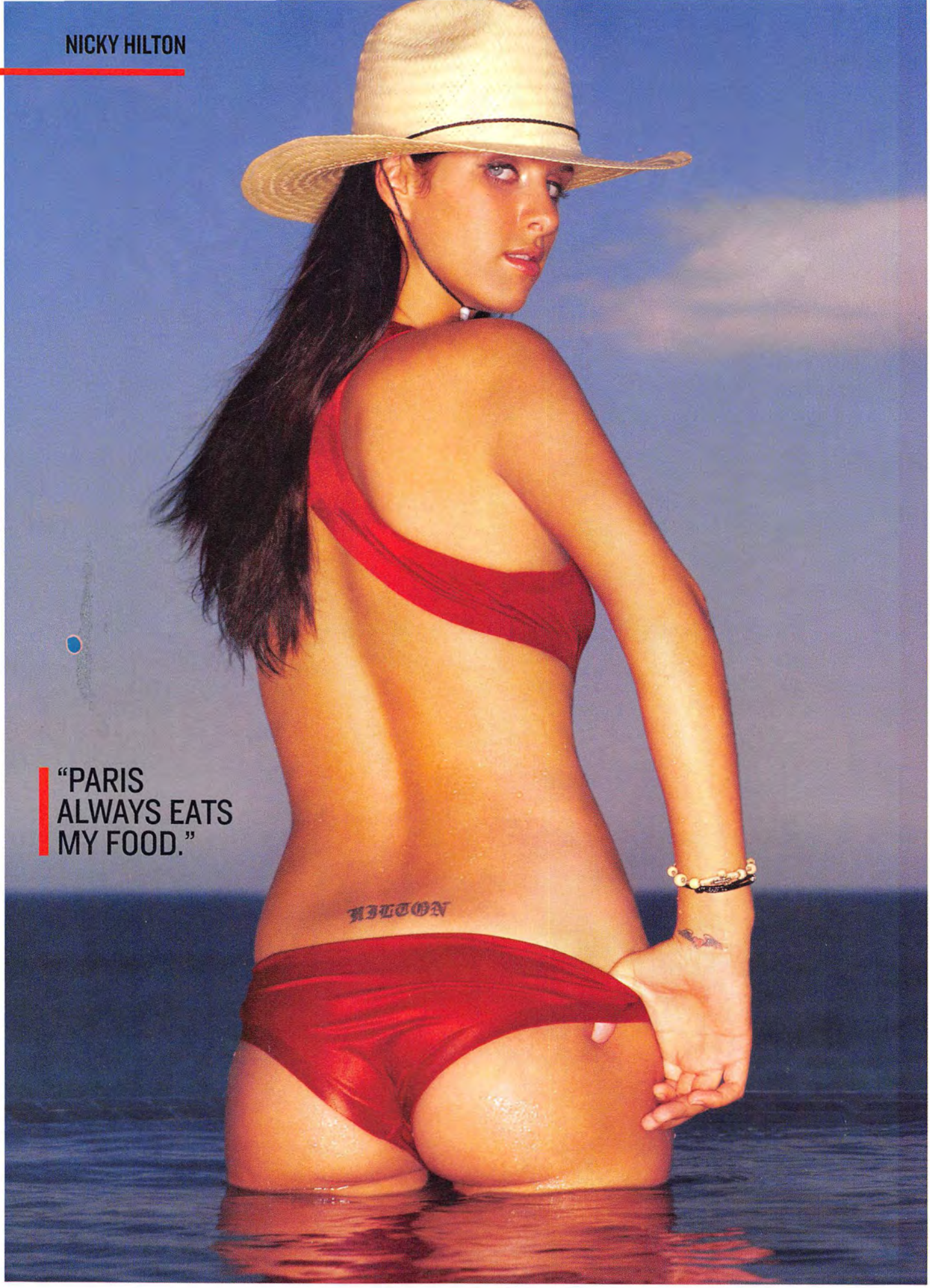

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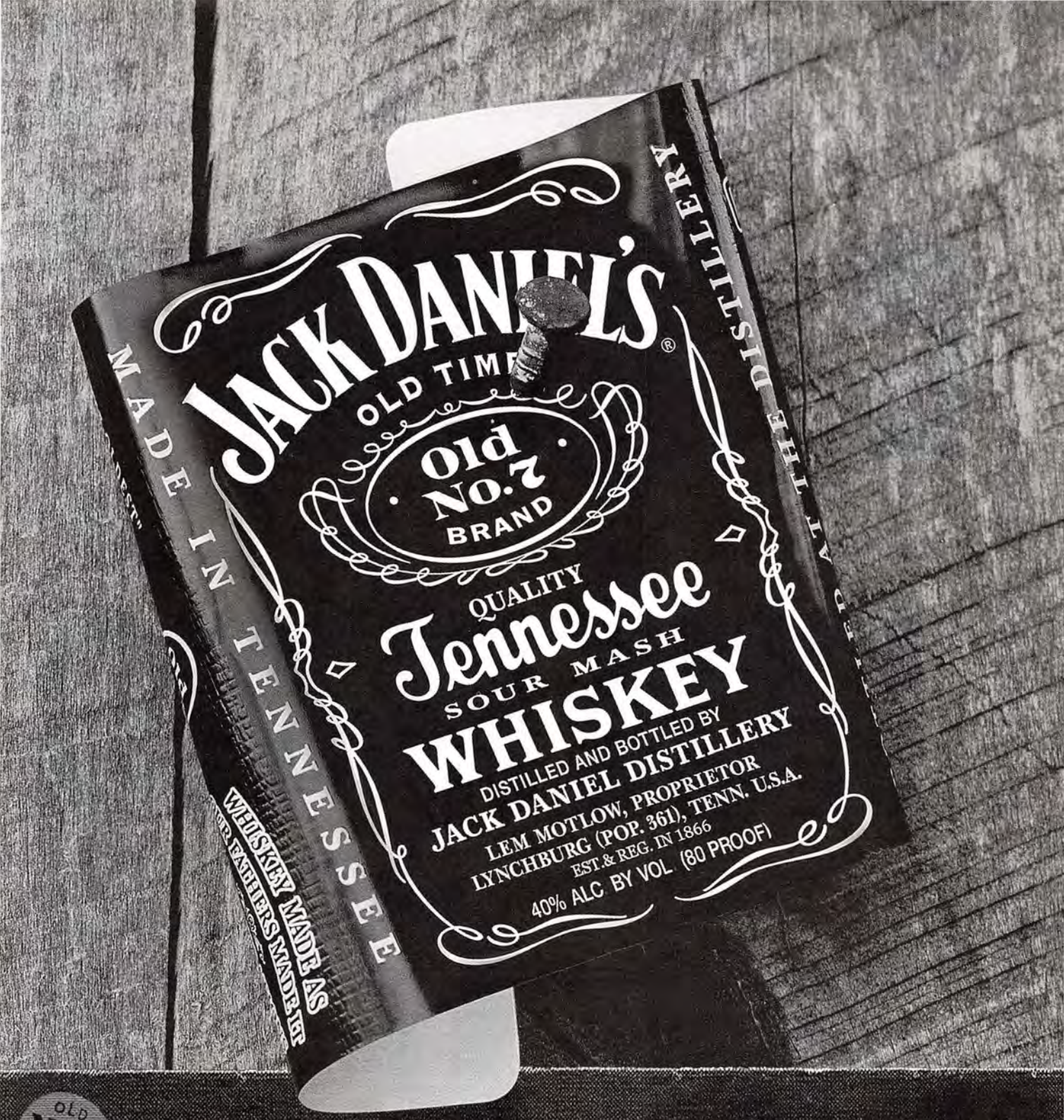

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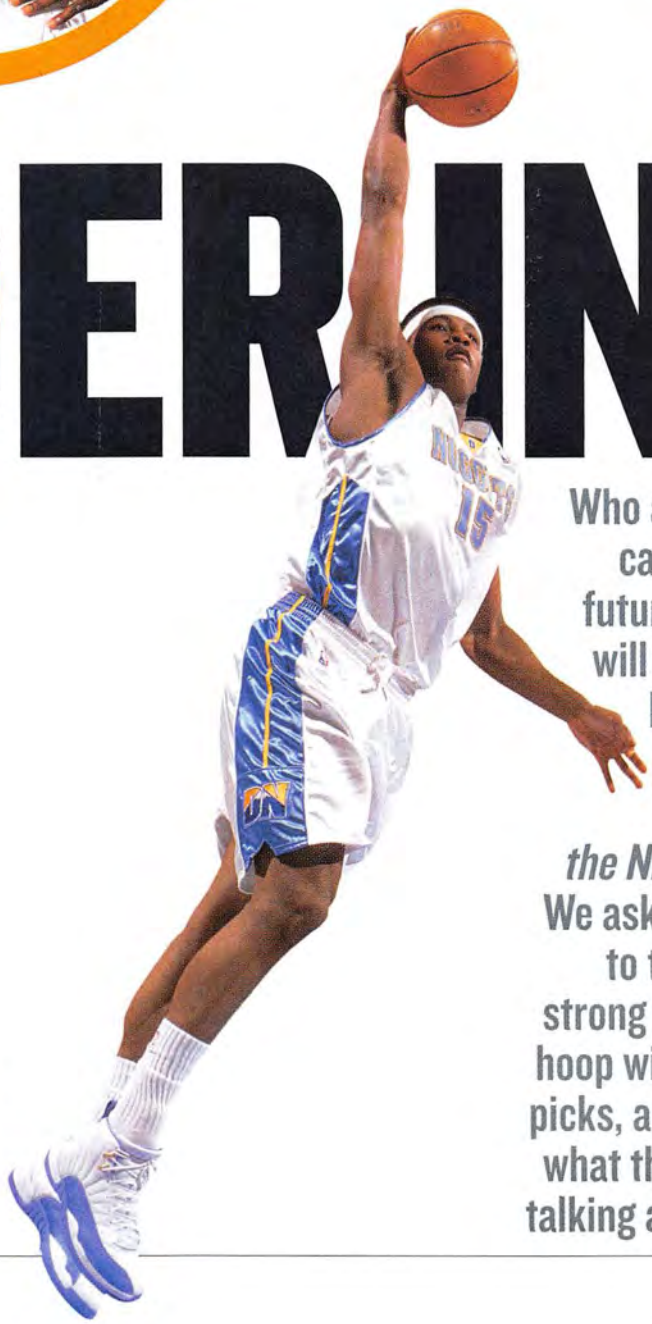


Who among mortals can peer into the future and see who will wear the ring? Ernie Johnson, the host of TNT's *Inside the NBA*, that's who! We asked EJ to take it strong to the hoop with his picks, and he asked us what the hell we were talking about. BY FRED MEYER

As seen here, Chauncey Billups is faster and less in need of a haircut than Kobe Bryant.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

How they'll finish New Jersey, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Toronto

The Nets seemed to give away their chance when they lost Kenyon Martin and Kerry Kittles—making Jason Kidd sad, lonely and pissed off (see p.114). Philly and Boston will need miracles just to make the playoffs—in the CBA.

EJ's pick New Jersey Nets "They still have Kidd and Richard Jefferson, and nobody else in the division really does anything for me. I'll stick with them."

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

How they'll finish Miami, Orlando, Washington, Atlanta, Charlotte

With Shaq on board, Miami will stomp all over the weakest division in the conference. Between Atlanta and Charlotte, it'll be tough to tell which is the expansion team. Miami gutted its roster to get the Diesel, but with Dwyane Wade riding shotgun, they remind us of Shaq and Kobe's title teams in L.A. They also remind us that we really miss *Miami Vice*.

EJ's pick Miami Heat "They don't have a powerhouse lineup, but Miami has a couple of powerhouse players. There's a dearth of centers in the Eastern Conference, so it'll be very difficult for anyone to contend with Miami."

CENTRAL DIVISION

How they'll finish Detroit, Indiana, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago

LeBron James should be a college sophomore. Instead, he's in the toughest division in the East. Defending champ Detroit is even scarier than it was last season, with the addition of Antonio McDyess (provided he can still walk). How can King James' Cavs and Indiana compete? They can't. Still, the whole division except the Bulls is playoff-bound. The Bulls are going shopping for more high-school guys to stiff in the pros.

EJ's pick Detroit Pistons "That's the cream right there. They're a picture of depth and selflessness, and they're just well coached."

EJ's pick for Eastern Conference champs Detroit Pistons

"The sexy pick is Miami, but Detroit just beat Shaq [and the Lakers] in the NBA Finals. [Pistons coach] Larry Brown has some idea of how to deal with him." ▷▷▷

ONE-ON-ONE WITH...

SHAUN LIVINGSTON

Age	19
Position	Point guard
Team	Los Angeles Clippers
Previous team	Peoria Central High School
2003–04 high-school season stats	18.0 PPG, 6.2 RPG, 5.7 APG, 3.0 SPG

Whether his hair gives him an edge on defense: "They might not be able to make a pass over the 'fro."

On being compared to Magic Johnson: "Man, I mean, it's great. I can't say it's not, but I don't think I should be mentioned even in the same breath as Magic, because he has accomplished some legendary stuff."

Whether he patterns his game after anybody: "When I was younger I did, but as I got older I just played. I try to play as uniquely as possible."

The last time he got carded: "It's been a long time, really. I [used to], but now I try to get the hookups, you know what I mean?"

How long before he dominates in the NBA: "Definitely sooner than later. Hopefully sooner than later."

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

How they'll finish San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, Memphis, New Orleans

New Orleans moved into the Western Conference and found itself in the roughest 'hood in the league. Tracy McGrady's jump to Houston will give the Rockets more altitude, but they still lack depth. Dallas lost Steve Nash, but the late trade for Eric Dampier will make them a better team than last year's. San Antonio added shooter Brent Barry to a team that is as fundamentally sound as a pound. Speaking of which, do we look fat in this huge gut?

EJ's pick San Antonio Spurs

"That's my team. [Point guard] Tony Parker—we're just seeing the tip [of what he can do]."

NORTHWEST DIVISION

How they'll finish Minnesota, Denver, Utah, Portland, Seattle

Kevin Garnett is hungry to lead the Timberwolves back to the conference finals, and Denver and Utah will be two of the NBA's most-improved teams. Carlos Boozer will beef up the band in Jazzland, and Denver picked up a golden nugget in Kenyon Martin. We just love clever wordplay!

EJ's pick Minnesota Timberwolves

"But a lot hinges on Sam Cassell's health and if he comes back 100 percent to run the bunch."

PACIFIC DIVISION

How they'll finish Sacramento, L.A. Lakers, Phoenix, L.A. Clippers, Golden State

Sacramento's window of opportunity is closing, but with Shaq finally out of the house, the light at the end of the tunnel is no longer a train. Kobe has a lot to prove with his Lakers. With Steve Nash, Shawn Marion and Amare Stoudemire in Phoenix and the addition of high-school superstar Shaun Livingston to the other L.A., the Suns and the Clippers will be heard from.

On and off the court, LeBron is a wizard with balls.

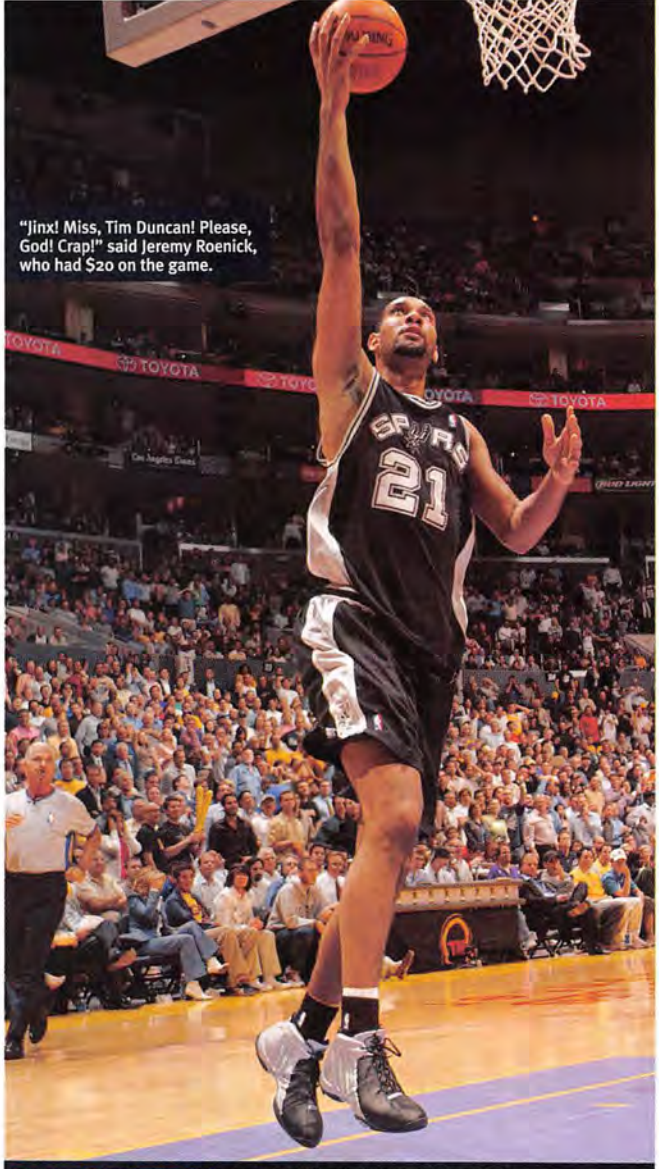
EJ's pick Sacramento Kings

"If you add a healthy Bobby Jackson and you know that Chris Webber is going to be healthy all year, that's a dangerous team."

EJ's pick for Western Conference champs

San Antonio Spurs

"When it's a close game in the fourth quarter, we have Tim Duncan and you don't. How are you going to stop us?" ▷▷▷



"Jinx! Miss, Tim Duncan! Please, God! Crap!" said Jeremy Roenick, who had $20 on the game.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

EJ's pick for NBA champs

"I always hesitate to [predict before the season starts], but I think Detroit or San Antonio."

EJ's pick for MVP Tim Duncan, F/C, San Antonio Spurs

"When he takes them to the NBA Finals, it's gonna be Duncan again. It'd be hard to imagine [last year's MVP Kevin] Garnett turning it up any more notches than he already does."

EJ's pick for Rookie of the Year

Emeka Okafor, F/C, Charlotte Bobcats "He's gonna get plenty of minutes and plenty of shots. He'll have ample opportunity to show what he can do."

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New York Knicks, circa 1989
Career: 7.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, 48.5 FG%

ANTHONY MASON
New York Knicks, circa 1993
Career: 10.9 PPG, 8.3 RPG, 3.4 APG, 50.9 FG%

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BEN WALLACE
Detroit Pistons
2003–04: 9.5 PPG, 12.4 RPG, 3.0 BPG, 1.8 SPG

STEVE NASH
Phoenix Suns
2003–04: 14.5 PPG, 8.8 APG, 47 FG%, 91.6 FT%

SCOT POLLARD
Indiana Pacers
2003–04: 1.7 PPG, 2.7 RPG, 11.1 MPG

RICK FOX
Boston Celtics
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This year's rookie class would like to consider itself among the best ever. We have just one thing to say to them: In your face! Here's how they stack up against the *Stuff* Rookie Dream Team.

OLD SCHOOL	WHO HAS THE EDGE?	NEW SCHOOL
CENTER WILT CHAMBERLAIN 7' 1", 275 lbs., Philadelphia Warriors, 1959–60 37.6 PPG, 27 RPG, MVP, Rookie of the Year He tore through triple teams—and 2,000 dames—as a rook.	✓	**CENTER** EMEKA OKAFOR 6' 10", 257 lbs., Charlotte Bobcats Projection: 17.5 PPG, 9.3 RPG, 2.7 BPG* He'll get plenty of PT, but Wilt is laughing in horndog heaven.
FORWARD WALT BELLAMY 6' 11", 245 lbs., Chicago Packers, 1961–62 31.6 PPG, 19.0 RPG, 51.9 FG%, Rookie of the Year Bells rung up some of his best numbers during his first year.	✓	**POWER FORWARD** DWIGHT HOWARD 6' 11", 240 lbs., Orlando Magic Projection: 12.1 PPG, 7.3 RPG, 2.2 APG He needs to develop the post moves and the intensity to make the Garnett comparisons stick.
GUARD/FORWARD EARVIN JOHNSON 6' 9", 255 lbs., Los Angeles Lakers, 1979–80 18.0 PPG, 7.7 RPG, 7.3 APG, 53 FG%, Finals MVP At just 20, he played center in Game 6 of the NBA Finals.	✓	**SMALL FORWARD** LUOL DENG 6' 8", 220 lbs., Chicago Bulls Projection: 12.4 PPG, 6.5 RPG, 3.7 APG A good fit for the fifth option in Chicago's offense. (The one where they actually score.)
BIG-ASS GUARD OSCAR ROBERTSON 6' 5", 220 lbs., Cincinnati Royals, 1960–61 30.5 PPG, 10.1 RPG, 9.7 APG, 82.2 FT%, Rookie of the Year The Big O averaged a triple-double in 1961–62.	✓	**SHOOTING GUARD** BEN GORDON 6' 3", 200 lbs., Chicago Bulls Projection: 20.1 PPG, 4.5 APG, 125 three-pointers The premier scorer of his class, and he's in Chi-town. Remind you of anyone? Us either.
SHOOTING GUARD MICHAEL JORDAN 6' 6", 216 lbs., Chicago Bulls, 1984–85 28.2 PPG, 6.5 RPG, 51.5 FG%, 84.5 FT%, Rookie of the Year Yes, Sam "Don't Call Me David" Bowie was picked before him!	✓	**POINT GUARD** SHAUN LIVINGSTON 6' 7", 175 lbs., L.A. Clippers Projection: 8.3 PPG, 3.7 APG, 22 MPG They say he's the next Magic, but we don't see a quality talk show in his future.
SIXTH MAN LEW ALCINDOR 7' 2", 267 lbs., Milwaukee Bucks, 1969–70 28.8 PPG, 14.5 RPG, 4.1 APG, 51.8 FG%, Rookie of the Year He looked like a Q-Tip, but his skyhook was unstoppable.	✓	**SIXTH MAN** JOSH CHILDRESS 6' 8", 210 lbs., Atlanta Hawks Projection: 18.9 PPG, 8.1 RPG, 1.5 APG He has gravity-defying hair, but he's built like Cameron Diaz—without the blue eyes.

*Projections based on average rookie stats at a player's position and in relation to their college stats, similar NBA players' rookie-year numbers, and scouting reports. For instance, Dwight Howard's projected numbers aren't much higher than Kevin Garnett's first-year stats.

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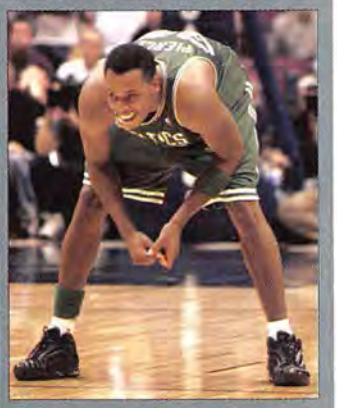

PAUL PIERCE

Age	27
Position	Guard/forward
Team	Boston Celtics
2003–04 season stats	23.0 PPG, 6.5 RPG 5.1 APG

About his new playmate Gary Payton: "Gary gives us a veteran point guard, one of the greatest ever to play the game. [His presence] will take a lot of the pressure off of me."

How it feels to lose...a lot: "It's the most frustrating thing for me. There are only three or four franchises [in all of sports] with this kind of legacy. You think about the Celtics and the Yankees and teams like that, and they should never have years of struggling."

How it feels to dunk over someone: "Like I just slapped you in the face and there's nothing you can do about it."

Which hated rival he'd like to be stranded on a desert island with: "Kenyon Martin. He's athletic. I might need him to jump up in a tree and grab me a coconut or something."

The craziest thing he's seen in the stands: [*Laughs hysterically*] "One time in the playoffs, I was at the line, and someone held up a naked life-size photo of Pamela Anderson. I still hit the shot. Then I think they kicked the guy out."

What else is wrong with Boston: "We're the only team without cheerleaders. Red Auerbach thought it would be a distraction."

Which town has the best eye candy: "Miami, man. Why do you think Shaq went there?"

—*Jason Carpenter*

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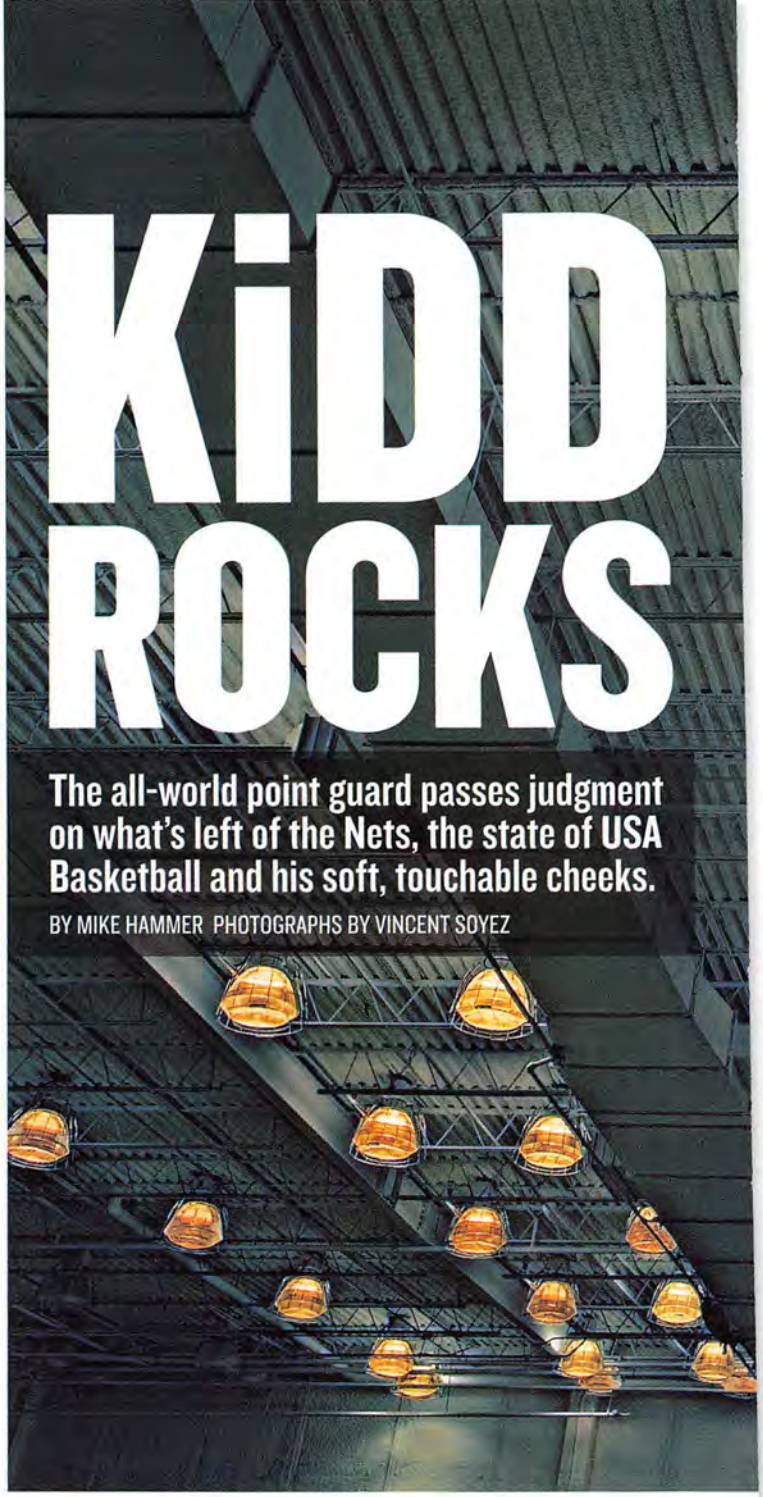
The all-world point guard passes judgment on what's left of the Nets, the state of USA Basketball and his soft, touchable cheeks.

BY MIKE HAMMER PHOTOGRAPHS BY VINCENT SOYEZ



Jason Kidd has seen better days. The man widely considered to be the best point guard in the NBA stands in an empty gym surrounded by a string of vacant lockers with blank nameplates above them. He is credited with carrying the New Jersey Nets to back-to-back NBA Finals. But the guys who helped him get there are being sold off in the franchise's biggest fire sale since they ditched Dr. J. That deal left the Nets stuck in the swamps of Jersey for 25 years, until Kidd's arrival in 2001 resurrected the team and made him the most beloved guy in the state this side of the Boss.

Now he stands alone in the practice facility, wondering if he should move on himself. Kenyon Martin is history; backcourt buddy Kerry Kittles was traded away. Still, he does have something to smile about: "I had a great shave today," he says. How'd he get it? Thanks to King of Shaves products, of course! (Yo, King: We didn't get your check yet.) The no-look plug shows he still has his sense of humor. Kidd might be down, but he ain't out of here yet.

STUFF: So, do you want to take a blowtorch to the Nets' executive offices? 'Cause I brought one.

JASON: [*Laughs*] It's the nature of the business. But you know, the big thing is, you're disappointed because you get so close to winning a championship, and all of a sudden you're rebuilding.

Can you win with guys they're picking up at yard sales?

You have no choice—you have to compete. And no matter who you're playing with, you have to go out there and try to win.

Even me?

Sorry. Don't think so.

Can you replace the chemistry you guys had?

We played off each other, and we were growing as a team. We always thought we were gonna be together for a long time. I thought Kenyon and Kerry were going to be the future of the Nets. I would pay to see those guys play.

You'll have to now.

Funny.

As a former Olympian, how do you explain this year's team getting its baggy pants pulled down?

The rest of the world has gotten better. There are a lot of international players that play in the NBA, so the fear is gone. Our coaches have gone over there and are teaching the kids over there. So they have taken the baton and run with it.

Of all the teams you've played with, which was the best, most cohesive unit?

Right here in New Jersey, because nobody cared who scored, nobody cared who took the shots, nobody cared who got the assists. We all had one goal in mind, and that was to win.

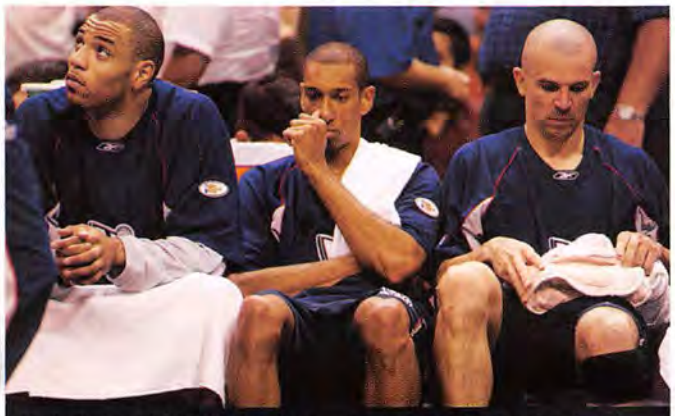
You used to play one-on-one with Gary Payton as a kid. Does that give you any insight into why he had such a tough year with the Lakers?

I thought he had decent success early, because he was the only healthy one. When everyone came back, there weren't enough shots for him. I still think he has something left in the tank. He'll help Boston.

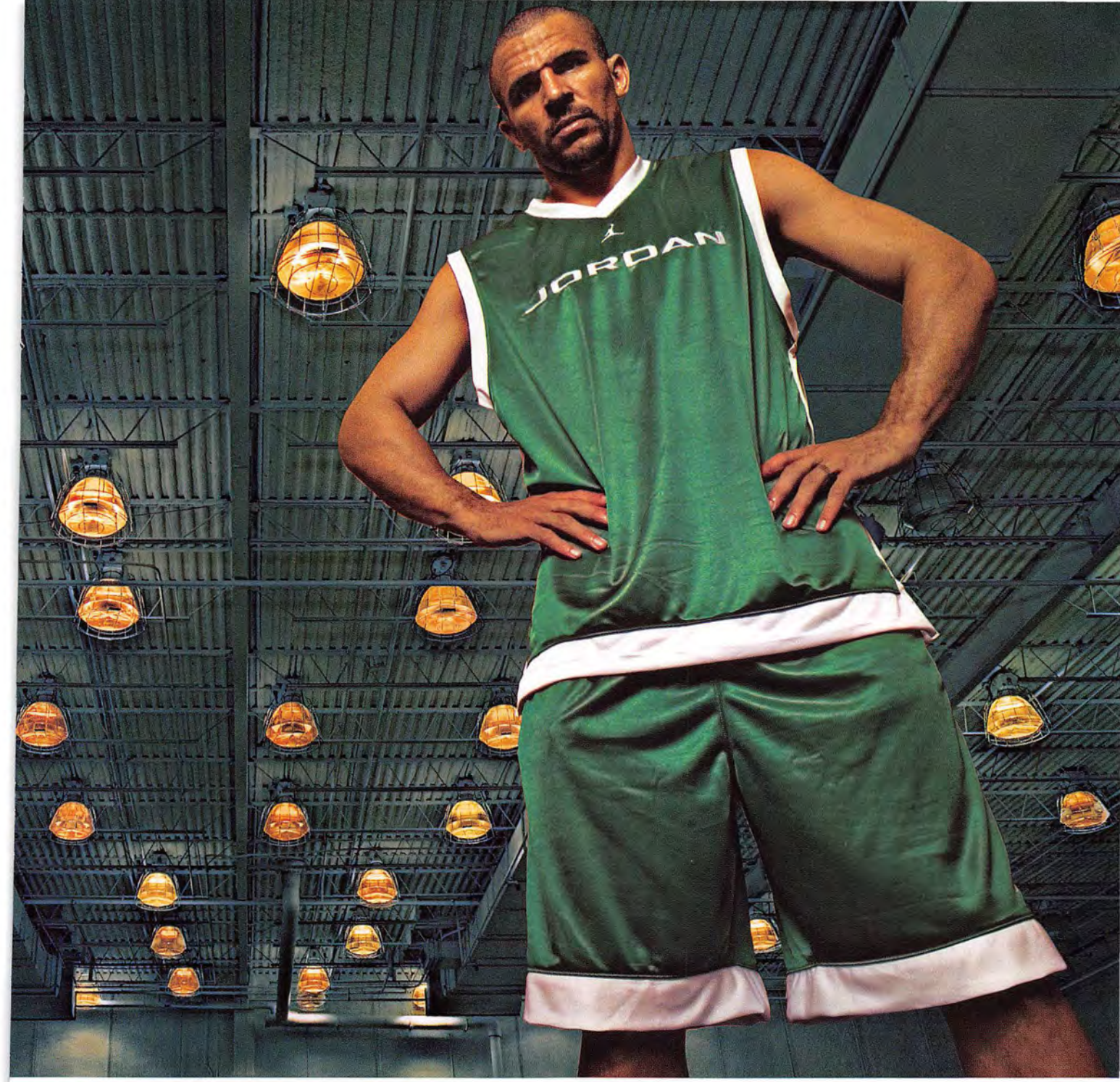
Do you have any thoughts about why the Lakers became the Bennifer of the NBA?

Maybe [Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant] just needed a new challenge. Both want to be head of the ship. Now they will each have that opportunity.

Courtside: Mrs. Kidd and a little Kidd.



Martin, Kittles and Kidd: "We thought we were gonna be together for a long time."



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"YOU GET SO CLOSE TO WINNING...AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU'RE REBUILDING."

You've played in some great backcourts. Which was the best?
I had Kevin Johnson and Steve Nash in Phoenix. I had Jimmy Jackson in Dallas. I had Penny Hardaway for a little bit. But the best backcourt I ever played in was right here with Kerry. He complemented me. He shot the ball well from the outside. We both love to play defense. He could get out on the fast break with the best of them.

Last season was tough. You had the knee. Alonzo Mourning had to get a new kidney. Do you think you were cheated by fate in last year's playoffs?
Detroit was just a better team. No excuses. We took them to Game 7. But 'Zo would have given us an inside presence. It could have been different. You're talking about a great human being who almost played till his death. Now he's talking about coming back.

Do you think he's serious?
Yeah. He's seriously thinking about it. So he was one of the factors why I stayed here.

You got traded to the Nets for Stephon Marbury. Who would win in a game of one-on-one?
He probably would. He's probably a better individual player than I am.

What was your best game?
The best game I ever played was probably against John Stockton when I was a rookie, maybe. I think I had 20 points and 25 assists, and he was the best of all time.

What do you want to do when you hang 'em up? Coach?
No. I think I would rather put the pieces of the puzzle together—maybe something at the management level.

What about a reality-TV show with Joumana and the kids? You could call it *The Kidds Are All Right.*
I don't know if we could rival the Osbournes. We're a little dull.

***Yawn!* Sorry, dude. I stopped listening a while ago.**

LUST IN SPACE

***Species III*'s Sunny Mabrey and Amelia Cooke are the hottest aliens in the universe. Yeah,**

BY LAURA LEU PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHARLIE LANGELLA

we know we said the same thing about Mork from Ork, but this time, we mean it. SciFi

On Saturday, November 13, it will be exactly 12 days before Thanksgiving. So why the hell would you be sitting in front of the TV when you have a dinner menu to prepare and an autumnal cornucopia centerpiece to create? Because *Species III* is airing on the Sci Fi channel, that's why. Tune in to see Natasha Henstridge briefly reprise her role as a man-eating predator and to watch the film's two stunning stars, Sunny Mabrey (the blonde) and Amelia Cooke (the brunette), play homicidal human-alien hybrids in heat. Oooh, extraterrestrial boning is hot! "You don't think of it as them just trying to bone everyone," says Sunny, bursting our bubble. "They're trying to repopulate the planet with their species." Oh, well.

If you don't find anything sexy about species being removed from the endangered list, you can wait for the naughtier, more nudity-filled *Species III* to be released on DVD in December. You can watch it while you string popcorn for your Christmas tree!

STUFF: Your mission in the movie is to preserve your decaying bodies while finding breeding partners. How is that different from every other desperate, single woman in her thirties?
AMELIA: I don't really look at women getting older as decaying, and if I did, I'd pretty much be depressed every day of my life.
SUNNY: I personally think that the thirties are the prime for a woman. You're young enough to still have a good time, but you know what you're doing.

On the subject of alien mating, who would be more out of this world in bed: E.T. or ALF?
AMELIA: E.T., because he's got that finger.
SUNNY: E.T.'s a lot more endearing. ALF is hairy and seems like a dirty old man.

What if your alien choices are Chewbacca and David Gest?
SUNNY AND AMELIA: [*In unison*] Chewbacca.
AMELIA: God, this is turning me off.
SUNNY: Chewbacca can't talk, so that's good. [*Makes Chewbacca sounds—poorly*] David Gest is just not sexy to me, but to each his own.

Besides being human, what do you look for in a mate?

AMELIA: I go for the good guy, always. I don't really go for the thing where guys treat you badly and you get off on that.
SUNNY: I went through that period where I was attracted to the bad boy, but I've definitely moved on. [Physically] I like 'em a little rough rather than just a pretty boy.

Amelia, your character places a personal ad looking for a man with biochemistry skills. Does science get you hot in real life?
AMELIA: There's definitely something very attractive about men who know their skill. Smart guys are a big turn-on.
SUNNY: I concur. My fiancé is a genius in the world of politics. We watch CNN, and in the beginning, I was like, "I wanna watch *Trading Spaces*!" But he got me into it. I realize now that I too can understand these things. I actually had a political conversation with two old men the other night, and I was putting in a lot of good points. I was really proud of myself!

What happens when the girls play Pull My Finger.

Your characters can transform their bodies into aggressive forms. Are they like Inspector Gadget?
SUNNY: I get this really long fingernail for killing. My hair is made of tentacles, which I use to strangle and impale.
AMELIA: I use my tongue. It's like a tentacle that comes out and spears people.

Kinky! Do you believe aliens are creating those stupid crop circles?
AMELIA: I think it's Sunny going around making crop circles in her *Species* latex outfit. [*Laughs*] I don't know. There are so many things we don't understand—that we're never going to get.

Do you believe in straight girls kissing each other for the sake of arousing men?
AMELIA: Five years ago, that was the really cool thing to do, but now a lot of guys are just like, "C'mon. Two girls trying to get some attention." You've got to be a sucker to fall for that. It's kind of tacky.
SUNNY: Yeah, they're a little bit over it now. Guys have caught on.

Are you lovers or fighters?
AMELIA: Lover. I've had crazy fights, but I think any relationship can become a bit tumultuous if you're not connecting.
SUNNY: I've been in relationships that have brought out the fighter in me, but at this point, I'm definitely a lover. I was doing a painting for an ex-boyfriend once, and we got in a fight, and I took a steak knife and cut it into a thousand pieces. I think he cheated on me. It takes a lot to make me go nuts and start physically hurting things, but I usually don't hurt people—just objects.

Good to know! The movie takes place in a college town. Did it bring back memories of wild nights?
SUNNY: In college, I was actually very tame.
AMELIA: I went to a ballet school, so everything was pretty strict.
SUNNY: We were dorks, and we loved being dorks.

Our Sex Spy (p.166) recently received the question, "How can I get my girlfriend to play with my balls?" Please answer this.
SUNNY: Give him a razor.
AMELIA: Yeah, and keep it clean. Keep everything under control.

And if she's still scrotum-shy?
AMELIA: Break up with her. It's not love. [*Laughs*]

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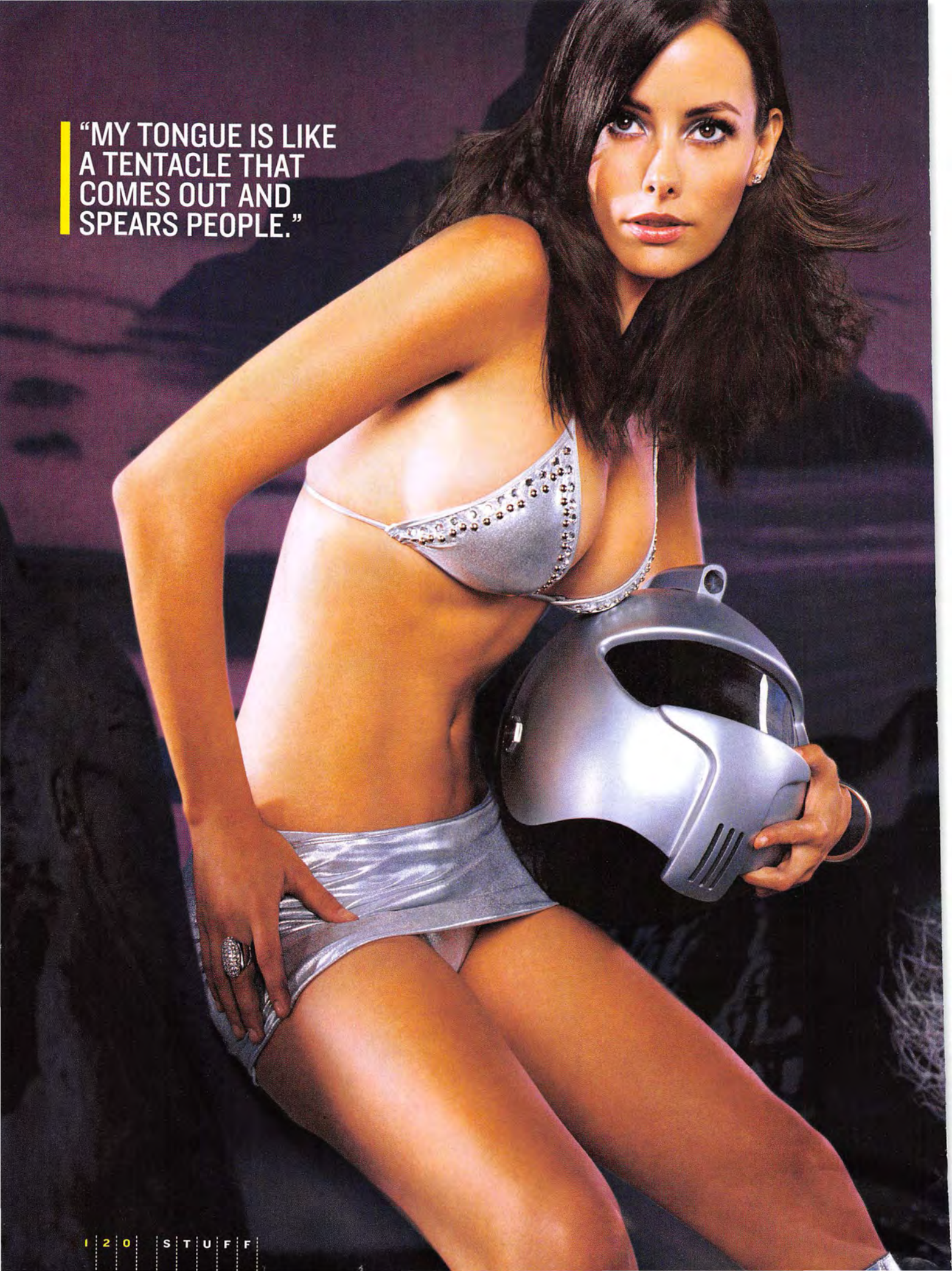

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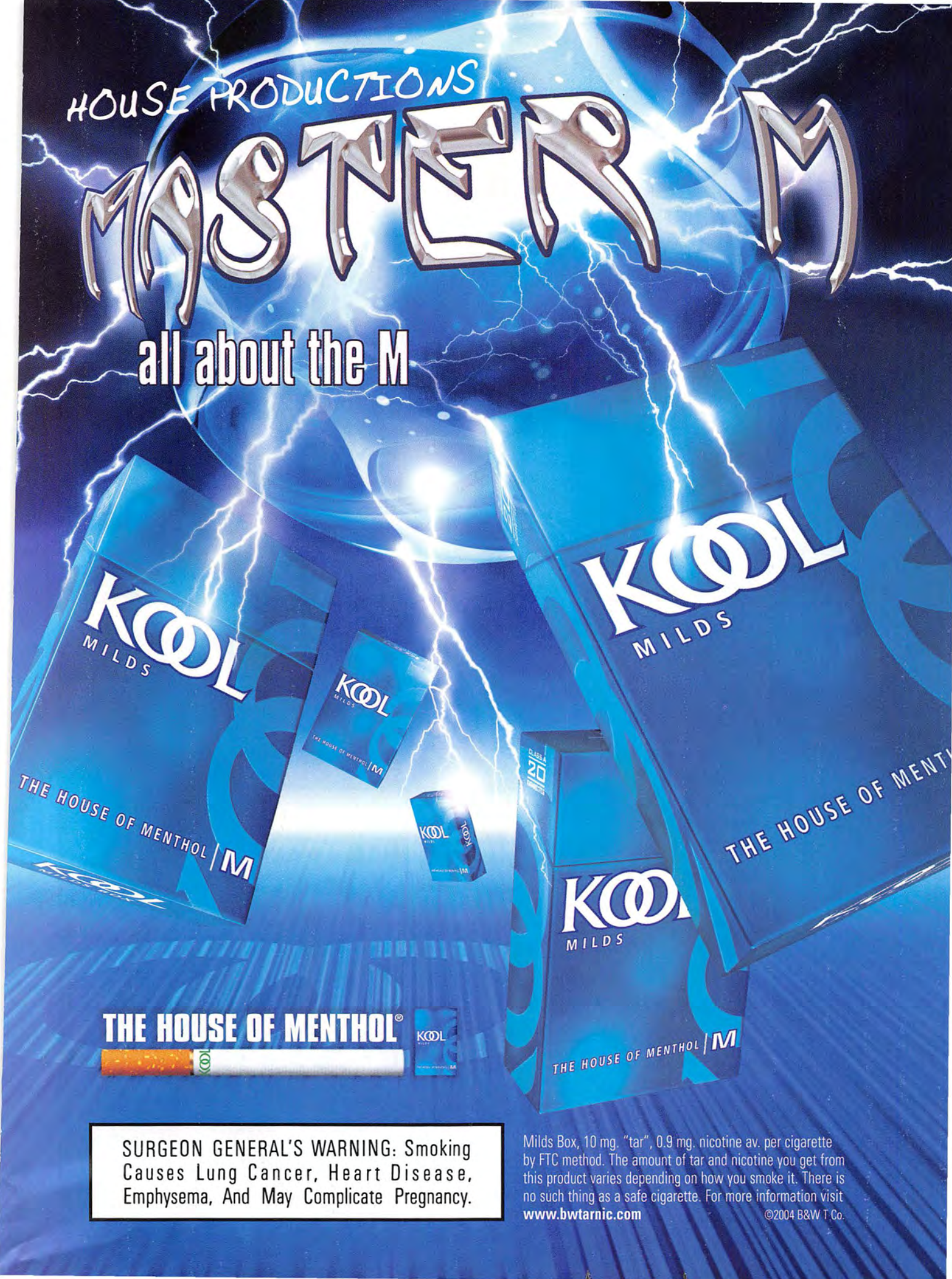
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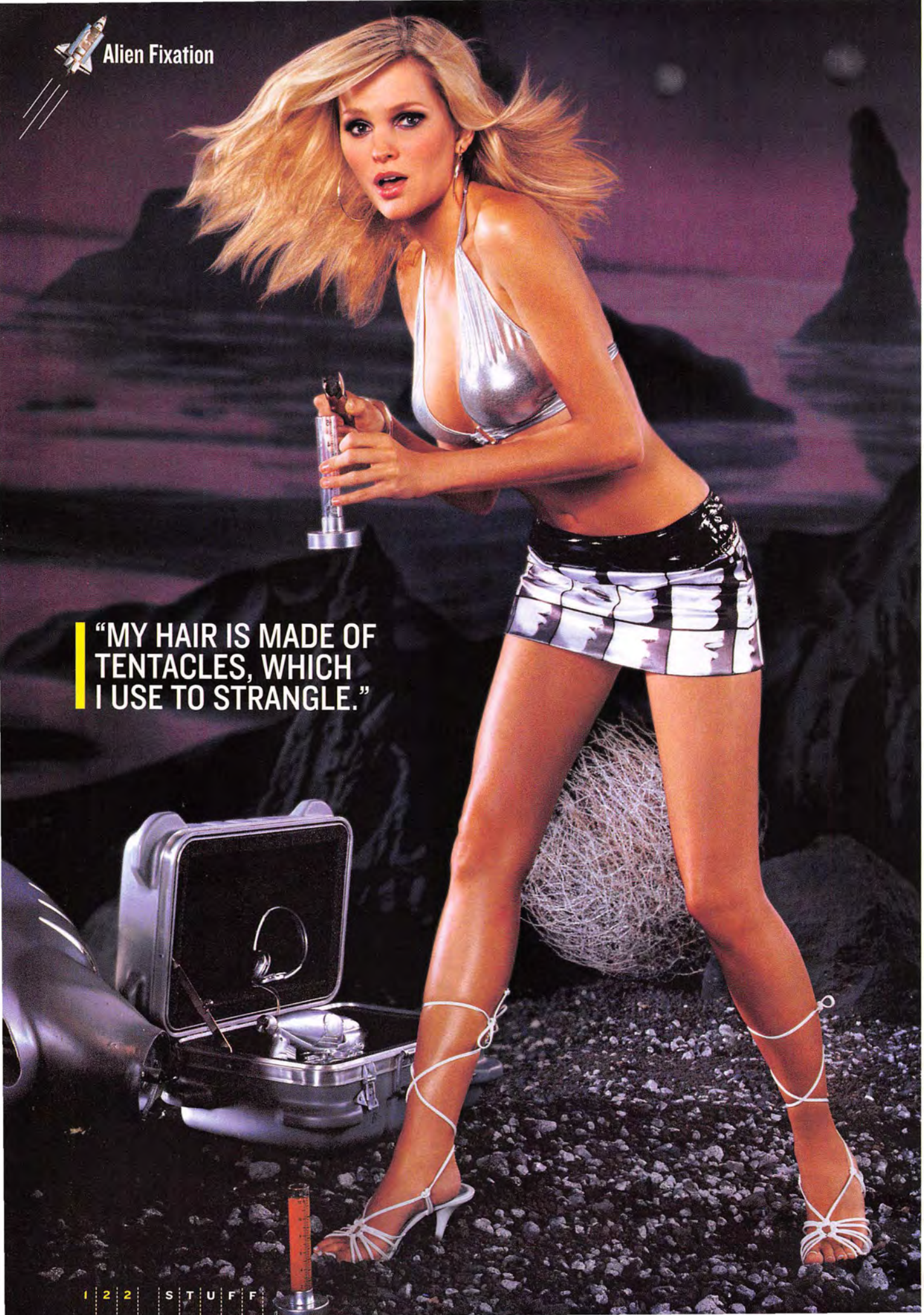

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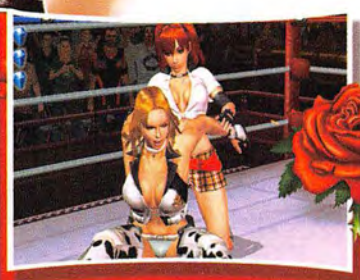

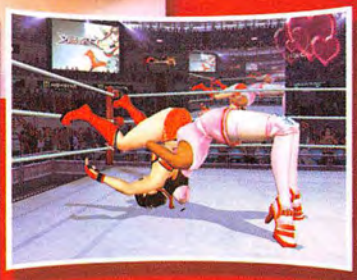

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PUPPET REGIME

***South Park*'s fathers abandon the Tourette's syndrome–inflicted tykes for puppets bent on saving the world. Fasten your jock straps, terrorists: For Team America, it's ball-kicking time.**

BY DAN BOVA PHOTOGRAPHS BY MELINDA SUE GORDON

Trey (left) and Matt. This scene reminds us of our basement...if the puppets were replaced with frightened children.

"Are you going to give me his mouth?" No, Trey Parker is not requesting fellatio from a reluctant personal assistant here in Culver City, California. We're on the set of *Team America: World Police*, the new film by Trey and fellow *South Park* creator Matt Stone, and the soft-spoken Parker is waiting for the radio controller in his lap to take command of one of his actor's jaws. An actor who, along with every other actor in the film, is an 18-inch-tall marionette.

Yes, the sassy satirists have persuaded a major Hollywood studio to fund a feature-length film about a terrorist-fighting band of wooden brothers (plus two chicks), and judging by the scene they are shooting today, the world will be a much happier place for it. But not everyone is thrilled about *Team America*. Last August, a senior advisor to President Bush registered disgust with the film's trailer, saying, "I really do not think terrorism is funny, and I would suggest Paramount give respect to those fighting and sacrificing to keep America safe." And from the looks of other puppets hanging around the set, with name tags such as Alec Baldwin and Janeane Garofalo, a certain outspoken segment of the entertainment industry might be less than thrilled with this project, as well. But at the moment, there are only two men in the United States who seem to truly despise the words *Team America*. And those two men are sitting in director's chairs, staring at playback monitors and not-so-quietly praying for death.

STUFF: Is it a director's ultimate fantasy to be able to control his actors like this?

TREY: Well, yeah, except that all of your actors are basically quadriplegic and retarded. To get a marionette to do anything is so hard. I'm so used to cartoons, where it's, *I know, let's have the entire Chinese Army show up*, and a few minutes later, you have the entire Chinese Army.

"ALL OF OUR ACTORS ARE BASICALLY QUADRIPLEGIC AND RETARDED. I'M SO USED TO CARTOONS. I HATE PUPPETS."

All you want them to do is look over here, and they can't. I hate puppets.

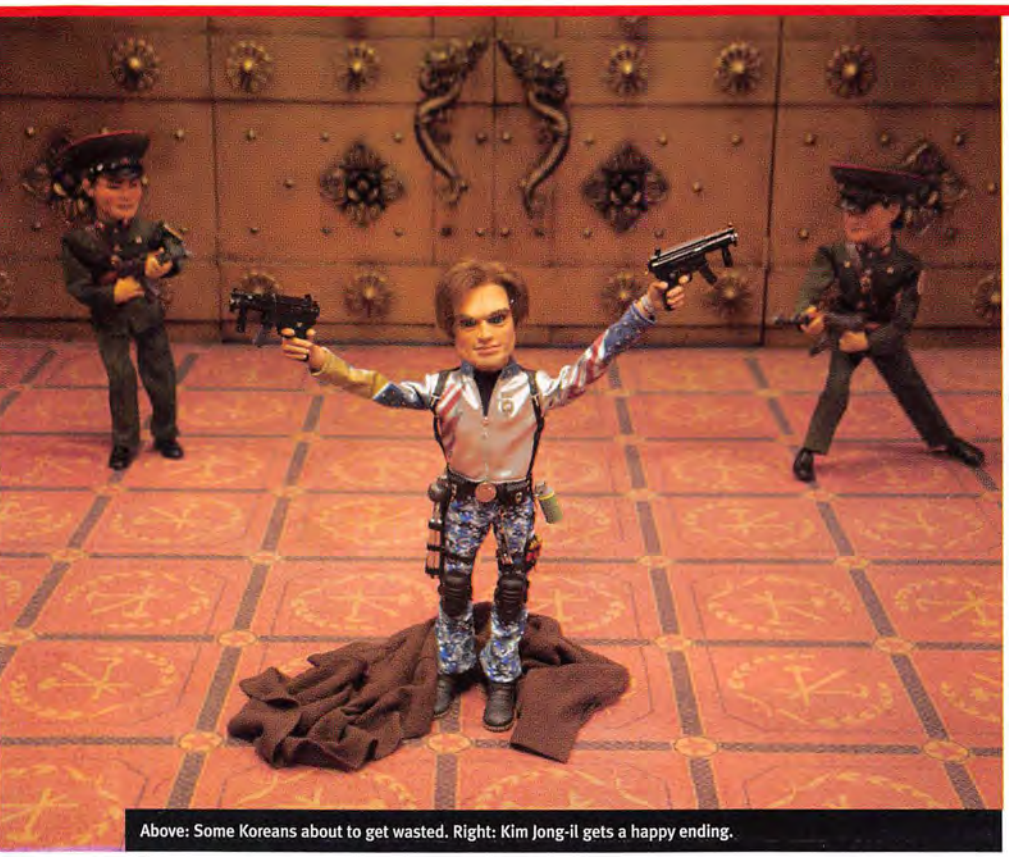
MATT: I have dreams about them not being able to do anything. This thing has absolutely hijacked our lives. I remember when we made the *South Park* movie, we were driving home, and Trey said, "I am never fucking doing this again." And I was like, "Me neither." And for some fucking reason, we're back here again.

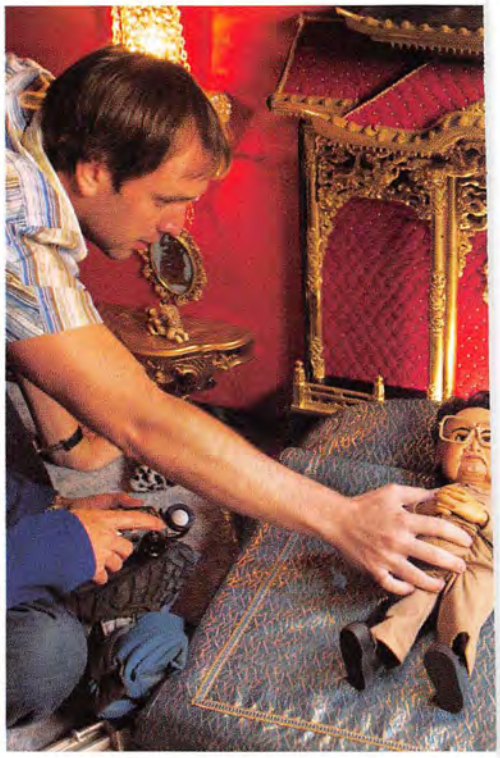
Why puppets? Why now?

TREY: We were flipping through the channels, and *Thunderbirds* was on. And it was like, *I remember this show*. Well, I *kinda* remember it. We were like, "Wow, this kinda sucks." It is so bad. But we thought it was so cool that it was all models and there were no computers and thought, *Aw, man, someone should do that, only not with such sucky writing*. And we thought, *We could do that*. Not that our writing doesn't suck, but we'd have to be able to do better than *Thunderbirds*.

When they made a feature out of *Thunderbirds*, they inexplicably replaced the marionettes with Bill Paxton.

TREY: Yeah, they had better actors than we do. More wooden, anyway. ▷▷▷





Above: Some Koreans about to get wasted. Right: Kim Jong-il gets a happy ending.

The Drudge Report stated that the Bush camp was displeased with the trailer of this movie.
MATT: Yeah, but you know, who knows? Who knows who was upset? Some low-level guy in Alabama? I'll bet Drudge made that up. Or not. Who knows?

Will this be the first time puppets will have an influence on an election?
TREY: I don't think so. Because I don't think anyone would come out of this movie saying, "Oh, they made some very good points there."
MATT: Hopefully, before you see the movie, you'll get a little bit drunk.
TREY: I don't think anyone will leave the movie theater going, "Oh, I get the message." I think they'll be going, "That was funny the way that puppet fell down."

So what is Team America's mission?
TREY: We don't know yet. [*Laughs*] As soon as we figure it out, we'll tell you.

This movie lampoons politics-spouting celebs. Has Michael Moore seen his puppet?
TREY: I think he'll be pleased. It's pretty flattering, actually. We tried to make it fatter, but we just couldn't. The thing with these puppets is, their heads are so big that it is hard to make them look fat.

George Clooney has done voices for you guys. Why didn't you give him shit about pontificating about the evils of the paparazzi after Princess Diana died?
MATT: That was different, because he was talking about something he actually knew something about. I mean, he knows about being stalked by the paparazzi.
TREY: George is sort of a friend. We've hung out and stuff, but he was involved with MoveOn.org, so it would be hypocritical for us to not make fun of him, too. So fuck him, too. [*Laughs*]

Do people who you've trashed on *South Park* regularly threaten to beat you up?
TREY: They always say that they like it.
MATT: They usually thank us. I'll forget we did something and they'll come up to me at a party and they'll say, "Thanks a lot." That's happened to me with Tony Danza, Tina Yothers...

Has Mel Gibson's camp gotten back to you since *South Park*'s now-infamous "The Passion of the Jew" episode aired?
TREY: No, no. [*Laughs*] They're pretty good at keeping their distance. You have to remember, these people have amazing publicists. So their publicity people get the word out that, "Oh, they loved it!" So it's like, "See, they're cool."

So Mel loved the fact that you had him in diapers smearing his feces on the wall?
TREY: Yeah, he thought it was great.

MEET TEAM AMERICA

Sarah, top empath. She has the ability to scan others' psyches for thoughts, feelings and loose change.

Chris, martial-arts expert. He can kill almost anything with his bare hands—such as terrorists and boners.

Lisa, Princeton-educated psychology major. She thinks like a bad guy and French-kisses like a trucker.

"WE STOPPED FARTING ON CELEBRITIES BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT PEOPLE DOING IT TO US."

When you appeared on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* last year, you explained that before you guys made it, your favorite pastime was going to Hollywood parties and photographing yourselves farting on celebrities. Then, to drive the point home, you farted on fellow *Kimmel* guest Lorenzo Lamas.
MATT: Lorenzo didn't invite us to any parties after that.
TREY: We stopped farting on celebrities when we became small celebrities, because we didn't want people doing it to us.

As established filmmakers, do you have a favorite way to belittle assistants?
TREY: No, we feel like everyone is in the same hell we are, so why make it worse? My assistant is one of my best friends from high school. So I could yell at him, I guess, but he'd be like, "Fuck you, dude." [*Laughs*]

What offends you?
TREY: I'm offended by things that are terrible, like *Bruce Almighty* or *Shrek 2*. I am superoffended by *Shrek 2*. I sat in the front row and listened to people laugh at jokes that have been on *Three's Company* millions of times. What is going on?
MATT: I'm offended by comedy that doesn't even try. But for us, it's so emotionally draining when you care about it. If you're doing some piece of shit comedy like *Big Daddy* or a Rob Schneider comedy, you can just go home at 7. It's like punching the clock. And whether ours is better or not, I don't know.

What's the most egregiously bad thing on TV?
TREY: It's all egregiously bad. I really stopped watching altogether.

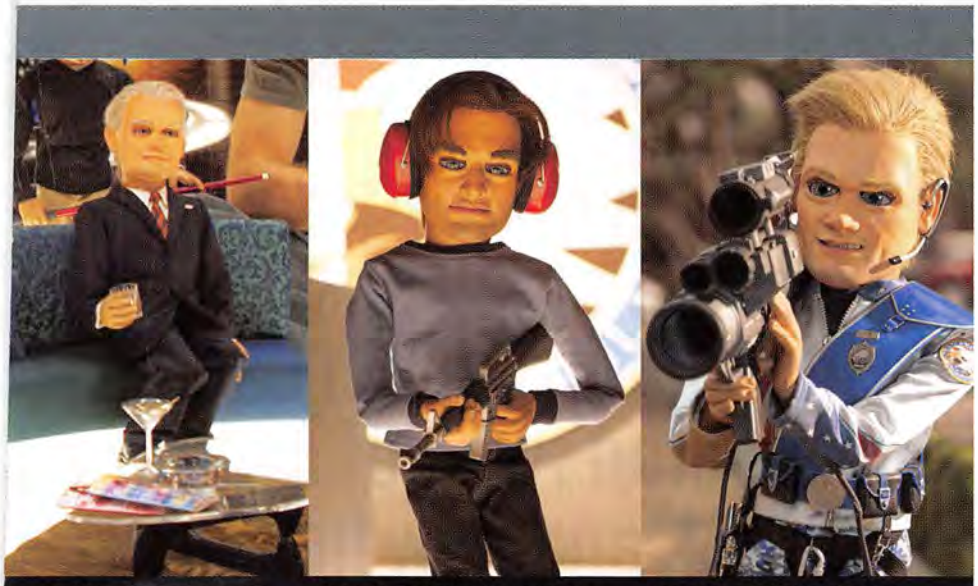
You don't TiVo *According to Jim*?
TREY: No, I can't stand that guy.

Do you ever step back and think, *I can't believe we just committed that to film*?
MATT: All the time. I am constantly amazed at how stupid the shit we are doing is.

You guys throw a pretty famous Halloween party every year. What goes on at it?
MATT: A bunch of booze and a bunch of people in costumes getting fucked up. It's our way of giving back to the community. Last year, I got a Sears catalog, a 1980 fall catalog. I opened to a random page and pointed to a random guy, and I dressed up as that guy. I walked around with the catalog, and when someone asked who I was, I opened it up and said, "That guy on page 83." It worked out pretty well.

I notice you're rocking a mustache, Matt.
MATT: I hate myself and my life right now, and I hate mustaches, so this is my way of expressing that—like cutting your arm to feel something. It's my soft version of Iggy Pop slicing himself up onstage. I don't have the guts to hurt myself, but I'll slowly make myself look cheesy.

Do you have any parting words for our readers?
MATT: They're lucky they have *Stuff* around. When we were 20, we didn't have magazines like *Stuff* around. All we had was *Mother Jones*. Oh, and grow a mustache if you're pissed off.



Spottswoode, Team America's leader. He enjoys a good martini and not breaking his hip.

Gary, maverick actor. He shelved his career to do God's work (i.e., shooting the crap out of people).

Joe, all-star quarterback from the University of Nebraska. Turn-ons include naked coeds and dead towelheads.

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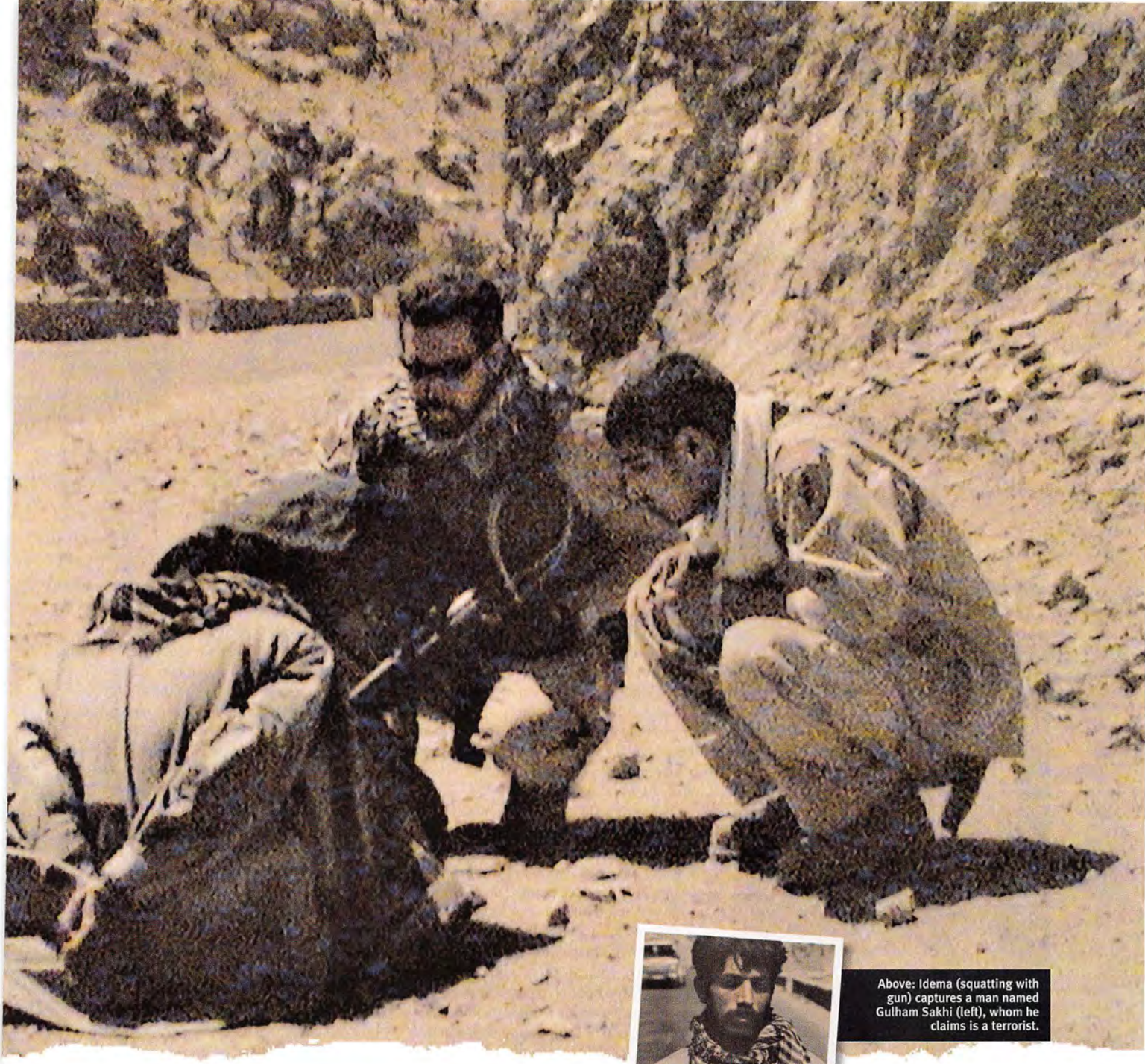
"GET YOUR HANDS UP, OR I'LL BLOW YOUR FUCKING HEAD OFF!"

Former Green Beret Jack Idema went to Afghanistan to catch or kill suspected terrorists—including Osama bin Laden. But in an unexpected twist of events, he became the hunted, and now he might rot away in an Afghan prison. BY SEAMUS McGRAW

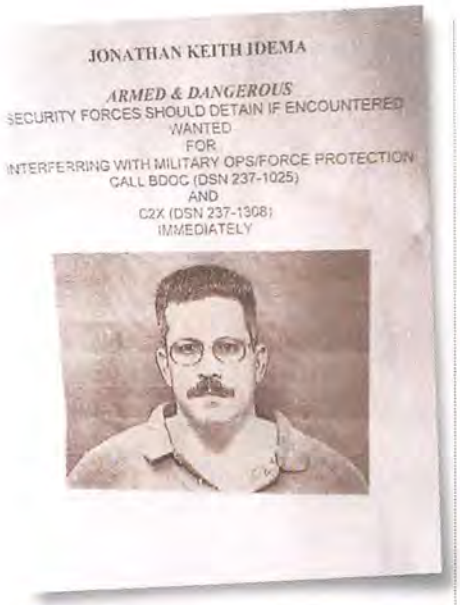


Above: Idema (squatting with gun) captures a man named Gulham Sakhi (left), whom he claims is a terrorist.

On a rocky road to nowhere and under a blistering Afghan sun, a half dozen bearded men cowered in fear before a wild man in combat gear and wraparound sunglasses. "Up! Get your hands up, or I'll blow your fucking head off!" he barked as he shoved his short-barreled assault rifle between the eyes of one of his captives. An Afghan translator repeated the orders, but the prisoners' arms were in the air before he got the words out. The message was clear in any language.

The madman was 48-year-old American civilian and former Green Beret Jonathan Keith "Jack" Idema, who had just netted a man named Gulham Sakhi, whom he claimed was a terrorist. (Sakhi denies this.) According to Idema's personal intelligence reports, the man had links to the remnants of the Taliban, al Qaeda and renegade Afghan warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. According to Idema, the FBI had been chasing this pest for five months; Idema had been hunting him for roughly half that time. Idema claims that during the next three days, from June 19 to June 22, 2004, he and his homemade vigilante commando unit (which Idema calls Task Force Saber 7) conducted a series of raids that rounded up 14 men he claimed had terrorist ties. The real-life Rambo's action report claimed that the captured men were involved in a conspiracy "to assassinate high-ranking members of the Afghan interim government...[and] to cause instability and civil war to make room for the al Qaeda–backed Hezb-I-Islami party and to ensure Hekmatyar could seize the presidency."

"I just busted the largest terror cell since 9/11," Idema boasted to *Stuff* the morning after his mission was completed. "Seven raids...14 terrorists. Caught one in a desert raid in the middle of the day, caught the next one in a raid in the middle of the night, caught the next one in another raid in some other village early in the morning. Caught more after that." He and his team had kicked down doors and forced surprised suspects to their knees. In one instance, Idema ripped open a massive bag of rice in a shady storeroom and fished out what he insisted were components for making bombs. ▷▷▷



Above: Idema, flanked by Bennett (left), Caraballo and international-security troops. Left: Wanted.

Idema interrogates one of his prisoners...

...before handing him over to U.S. troops.

After rounding up his captives, Idema turned to the multinational military forces in Afghanistan for help. According to Idema, in one prisoner's car, a bomb-sniffing dog found traces of what Idema later claimed was Alpha 1 X2, a TNT-like substance, as well as aluminum-magnesium incendiary explosives. Although Idema had barely slept in days, he was pumped. "I'm wide awake, doing interrogations," he said.

Unknown to Idema, his burst of activity had also brought Afghan authorities closer to nabbing a man who coalition officials felt posed a threat to the region's stability. Wanted posters showing the man's face popped up and urged anyone with information about his activities or whereabouts to contact authorities.

The man on the posters was Jack Idema.

On July 5, 2004, in Kabul, Afghan police kicked down the door of Idema's rented house. Inside, they claim to have found a one-room makeshift prison housing eight hooded and bound men, including some of those captured in June. In one corner, Afghan prosecutors say, police found a blood-soaked rag and other evidence of torture. All of the prisoners denied any link to terrorist organizations and said that they had been blindfolded and deprived of food and water. Some said they were doused with cold and boiling water, and others claimed they were hung upside down and beaten. Idema was arrested along with cameraman Edward Caraballo, an Emmy-award winner from New York who has been following Idema for a decade; former soldier and aspiring journalist Brett Bennett, 28, of Fortuna, California; and four Afghan aides. According to Caraballo's lawyer, Michael Skibbie, the evidence, including computer records and videotapes shot by Caraballo, was handed over to the FBI.

With the embarrassing Abu Ghraib prisoner-abuse scandal still fresh in the world's consciousness, American officials did not spring to Idema's defense. Within hours of his arrest, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher declared that the U.S. government did not "employ or sponsor" Idema or his cohorts.

Major Rick Peat, a U.S. Army spokesman stationed in Kabul, said, "Mr. Idema has never been employed by the Combined Forces Command Afghanistan." Peat acknowledged, however, that American forces did accept a prisoner from Idema. "We took custody of him," Peat said. "Subsequently, we found out the man was not the person Idema identified him as, and we released him." What Major Peat didn't point out was that the prisoner was released only after the Army held and interrogated him for nearly two months.

Although Idema conceded that he wasn't officially under contract with the combined forces, he said in June that "the Pentagon knows how I operate and they don't impede me at all." Nevertheless, he was charged by the Afghan government with illegally entering the country, running an illegal jail and illegal arrest and imprisonment of eight Afghan nationals—"torturing them without any legal permission or any contact with the government officers," according to Lutfullah Mashal, a spokesman for the Afghan Interior Department. Idema, since his incarceration, has claimed *he* was the one being beaten by guards, an assertion denied by U.S and Afghan officials. After a trial and a conviction in September, Idema, pending appeal, now stands to spend 10 years rotting in a crowded, filthy Afghan prison, surrounded by men he believes are his mortal enemies.

IDEMA SAYS, "THE PENTAGON KNOWS HOW I OPERATE." NEVERTHELESS, HE IS CHARGED WITH RUNNING AN ILLEGAL JAIL AND TORTURING HIS PRISONERS.

PIT BULL, GREEN BERET OR LIAR?

No one who has met Jonathan Keith Idema—his old friends call him Keith—would deny that he is a self-aggrandizing, intractable, intransigent pain in the ass. Raised in suburban Poughkeepsie, New York, Idema spent nine years in the military. First, he served three years with the Green Berets, where he earned a reputation as a crack shot, a skilled sky diver and a decent scuba diver with a real distaste for authority. After that, he kept himself in khaki in the reserves. Best-selling author Robin Moore, who detailed Idema's mercenary exploits in Afghanistan immediately following 9/11 in *The Hunt for Bin Laden*, tells a story of the young soldier as a scrawny recruit earning his commander's respect by twice swimming underwater the length of an Olympic-size pool and not taking a breath—while wearing a 40-pound knapsack. But one of Idema's former officers described him as unmotivated, unprofessional and immature. Timothy G. Connolly, the former undersecretary of defense for special operations, had another view of Idema: He called him "one of the last individuals for whom the phrase 'I give you my word' still has meaning."

Friends describe the five-foot-nine-inch, 190-pound Idema as a "junkyard dog" and a "pit bull." Unfortunately, he has managed to alienate almost all of his former Green Beret comrades, who see him as "liar" and a "wanna-be." Always a hound for attention, Idema has often bragged about his special black-operations background and his experience under fire in some of the world's hot spots. But his claims, such as those about secret missions in El Salvador, are impossible to verify, say friends, precisely because those missions were, and remain, secret.

As a civilian, Idema has been charged with assault, impersonating a police officer and resisting arrest, and he spent three years in federal prison for mail fraud—charges that Idema claims were manufactured by an FBI agent in an effort to get him to turn over contacts he had made in the Soviet Union. Idema has run several businesses—mostly into the ground—all dealing with some aspect of covert security, such as a counterterrorism school. He has a far better head for battle than for business.

In researching *The Hunt for Bin Laden*, Moore concluded that Idema was "nutty" yet quickly added that he and his assistant vetted every action attributed to Idema in the book, and they all checked out. And that's the thing about Jack Idema: Despite his confrontational manner and his scrapes with the law, his personal war on terror has apparently produced results. "He is politically incorrect, abrasive, unconventional and unquestionably heroic," CBS anchorman Dan Rather has said.

According to another veteran TV newsman, *60 Minutes* producer Gary Scurka, it was information compiled by Idema that led to ▷▷▷

JUSTICES OF THE PIECE

Throughout history, wars, political causes and personal grievances have given rise to characters like Jack Idema.

ALIEN PREDATORS

Illegal aliens and drug smugglers crossing the border from Mexico into Arizona these days literally run for their lives from Jack Foote and his vigilante organization, Ranch Rescue, which claims to have chapters in six states. Foote has even pledged to put "two in the chest and one in the head" of the next member of any Mexican *military patrol* who sets foot on Ranch Rescue property in Arizona. Check 'em out at RanchRescue.com.

THEY PLAYED HANGMAN

The word *vigilante* refers to a member of a vigilance committee, made famous in the Western U.S. during the 19th century. The 1856 San Francisco committee had more than 6,000 all-white members and got busy by hauling a killer out of jail so they could hang him. They also hanged three other men, exiled more than two dozen others, conducted illegal searches, subverted state and local militias and imprisoned a justice of the state supreme court.

SLASH AND BURNERS

In 1999, police in Nigeria were underpaid, corrupt and outgunned by criminals, so a vigilante group known as the Bakassi Boys stepped in. Their methodology was simple. As one observer said, "They chop the head off, then cut off the legs and arms, pour fuel over the person and set them ablaze." Amnesty International credits the Boys with more than 1,000 kills, and they're wildly popular with residents of Onitsha, their home base.

BIG-RIVER BUSHWHACKER

Sam Hildebrand, aka the Big River Bushwhacker, is believed to have killed more than 80 people during his career and had a notch on a rifle he called Kill Devil for each one of them. His rampage began during the Civil War, when his brother tried to enlist in the Union army as a way to dodge trouble over his attempt to trade a stolen horse. The brother was handed over to vigilantes by the army and was hanged. Sam killed the men responsible for the death of his brother and, in turn, Union troops slaughtered all the men in his family. After that, Hildebrand joined the Confederate Army and declared his own civil war on Union soldiers, continuing his reign of terror until his death in 1872.

THE SCALP COLLECTOR

Lewis Wetzel's sole purpose during his Revolutionary War–era life was to kill Indians along the frontier of modern-day West Virginia. Born in 1763, Wetzel was by all accounts an excellent woodsman and rifleman who could reload his weapon while running at full speed. At the age of 13, he and his brother were kidnapped by Indians. The boys eventually escaped, but Wetzel, smarting from a bullet wound to the chest, decided he would kill every Indian he could for the rest of his life. He would disappear into the woods for weeks at a time and return with Indian scalps, collecting 27 of them between 1779 and 1788. Wetzel was so crazed that on one occasion, he even shot and scalped a Seneca chief as the man was on his way to an army fort for treaty negotiations.

that show's 1995 blockbuster report about beryllium (a material used in nuclear reactors and missile-guidance systems) that was smuggled out of Russia and into Lithuania. Idema, who claimed to have worked in Lithuania as a consultant, "made it possible for me to obtain the nuclear smuggling documents from Russia that were passed on to the Lithuanians," said Scurka. "He was there a few years before and had bonded with the Lithuanian police. If there was no Keith Idema, there would not have been a *60 Minutes* story. I can't make that any clearer." (Idema and Scurka later sued Steven Spielberg, claiming that the character played by George Clooney in *The Peacemaker* was based on Idema. The suit was dismissed.)

After 9/11, it was Idema who, while traveling with the Northern Alliance in Afghanistan, uncovered the now-famous footage of al Qaeda trainees that gave the world its first glimpse into Osama bin Laden's terrorist boot camps.

To Ken Kelch, a former Green Beret and a freelance filmmaker who has known Idema for more than a decade and wrote about Idema's counterterrorism school for *Eagle* magazine, Idema is the real deal. "Here's a guy who's basically bankrupt, who leaves his very beautiful wife to go to war to do his patriotic duty."

Idema echoed that sentiment before his arrest. Everyone in Afghanistan, he said, "volunteers fucking 10 times over. We volunteered for the Army, we volunteered for Special Forces, we volunteered for combat, we volunteered for Afghanistan, and now we're back volunteering."

And if while doing his patriotic duty Idema should happen to collect the $25 million bounty on bin Laden's head? "If he could make a little money on the side," Kelch said, "who cares?"

A TIP ON A PLANNED U.S. ATTACK

Idema's long trek to his Afghan prison cell began the morning of September 11, 2001, when he turned to his wife, Viktoria Running Wolf, and said, "You know I'm going, don't you?" According to Kelch, a few days after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Idema left his home in Fayetteville, North Carolina, "went to Ground Zero, wept uncontrollably and promised to exact his revenge." By September 26, 2001, Idema says he was in Afghanistan, in response to what he believed was the president's call to arms. "President Bush said all Americans are now soldiers in the war on terror," Idema said last June. "He hasn't rescinded that, and until [he does] I'm going to continue to operate."

Though he had no official authority, Idema soon introduced himself to Northern Alliance leaders and, he claims, worked closely with them in the early days of the war, and when he returned to the U.S. in 2002, he kept up the relationships he'd established in Afghanistan. According to Idema, he decided to return to Afghanistan last April, after receiving reports that offshoot elements of the Taliban and al Qaeda, along with some of their allies, were planning a series of attacks on the United States. Idema insisted that he spent months sharing with the FBI the details he had uncovered.

Clockwise from top: In an Afghan court; Idema claims a Clooney role is based on him; finding plastic explosives.

"I was working with the Bureau on some really sensitive issues...the location of some of the guys that were going to fire bombs off on a couple of U.S. targets," Idema told *Stuff* before his arrest. "The FBI wouldn't move fast enough and...they made mistakes and let them get away time after time, and I got frustrated and said, 'Fuck you...I'm no longer assisting you guys, and if you want to know what I know, go to the Department of Defense and let them tell you.'"

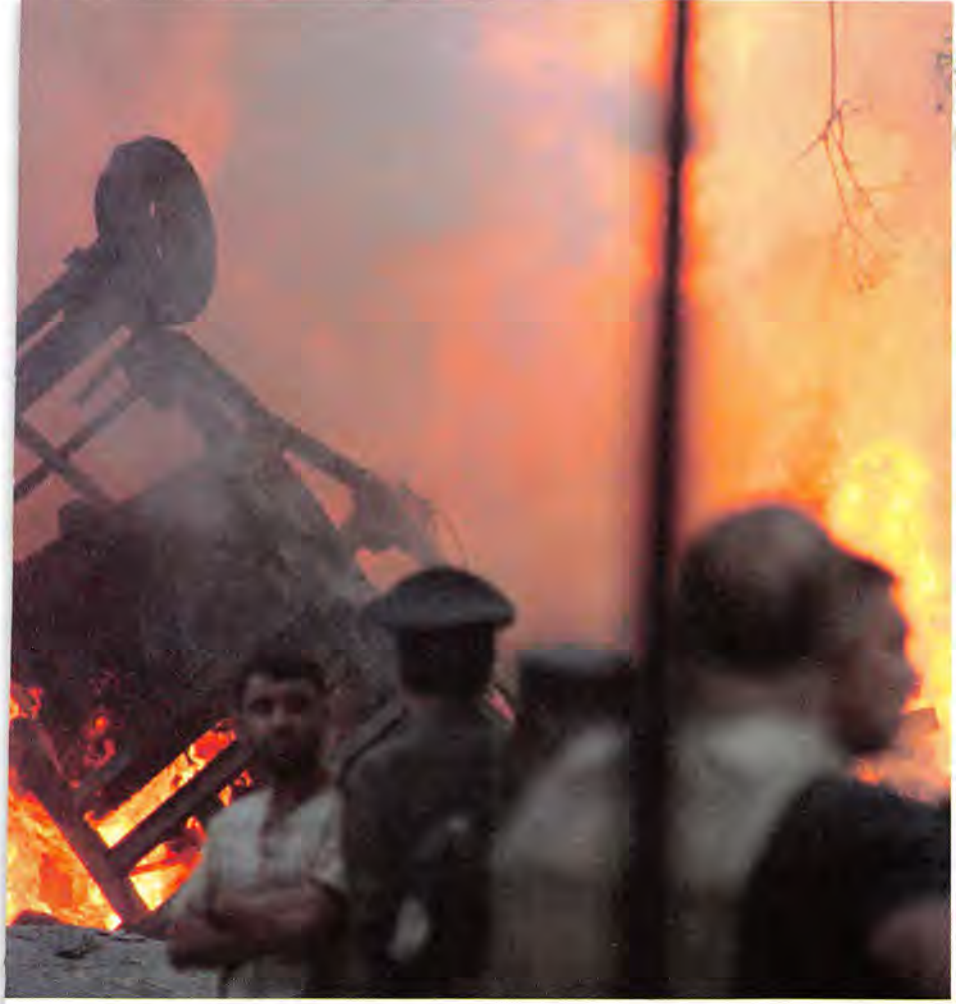
Idema's New Jersey attorney, John Tiffany, maintains that before his client returned to Afghanistan, he faxed a letter detailing the terror plot to Pentagon officials, including those in Donald Rumsfeld's office. The letter allegedly contained what Tiffany described as a potential tip as to the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden. Tiffany said he can prove that the document was received. In late August, after Idema had been arrested, an unidentified official acknowledged that the Pentagon had received calls and e-mails from Idema, but that the only written reply had been a "routine response to queries." At no point, said the official, did the Pentagon authorize Idema's activities.

HOW TO HUNT TERRORISTS

Back in Afghanistan, Idema didn't like what he saw. "The whole war's been changed to Vietnam: firebase compounds and big bases with steel walls and shitloads of sandbags in front of them, and everybody's scared to come out," Idema told *Stuff* before his arrest. "In fucking Bagram, they're not allowed to leave the compound after dark! That's shit! I get three guys and drive out into the fucking mountains at three in the morning....You can't beat these guys with [conventional forces] and armored tanks. We can only beat them with CIA and Special Forces riding around on fucking camels and horses, wearing their clothes, eating their shitty food and hunting [them]."

According to Tiffany, within three weeks of landing in Afghanistan, Idema said he had rounded up a man he believed was linked to bin Laden and the al Qaeda plot to topple the provisional Afghan government. Idema eventually handed over his captive to Combined Forces Command Afghanistan, but not before interrogating him using what he later described as a combination of deception, sleep deprivation, "high-volume Melissa Etheridge music" and the "threat of allowing Afghans to do the interrogation." This was

Melissa Etheridge: Cruel and unusual punishment.



Kabul, August 30. On May 19, Idema told *Stuff*, "In 100 days, bombs are gonna start going off like fucking wildfire."

the suspect the U.S. army later released. "They could have let him go because he turned double agent," Tiffany maintained.

Idema has repeatedly denied that he physically tortured anyone, and he insisted that he was sensitive to the mistreatment of prisoners in the wake of Abu Ghraib. "Quite frankly...any MP [who would put a prisoner] on a leash and have them walking around like fucking pets deserves to be in prison," said Idema prior to his arrest. "If you want to take that guy and beat the hell out of him or drown

"IF YOU KEEP THEM AWAKE FOR THREE DAYS, THEY'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING."

him to find out when the next bomb attack is, drown the motherfucker, because we're not dealing with normal people here....If you keep them [awake] for three days, they'll tell you anything. They just want to get it over with.... Everything they tell us turns out to be true."

Idema realized that he'd become a pariah to the U.S. Army last spring, when, he says, they refused to accept any more prisoners from him. In fact, he claims that when he crossed paths with the military, they wouldn't even provide him with fresh water. Initially, Idema chalked it up to jealousy. "I guess I'm just embarrassing them too much," he quipped. "They've got an entire task force—with a $300 million budget—and they couldn't catch any of these people."

In May, Idema's wife, Viktoria, began calling him regularly to complain that FBI agents were visiting her dog-walking business. Late one night that month, Idema told *Stuff*, he was talking by satellite phone with his wife when a taxi pulled up alongside his SUV. Suddenly, a burst of automatic-weapons fire shredded Idema's truck. He dropped the phone on the floor and returned fire. Seven thousand miles away, his wife could hear the firefight. The taxi fled, and for the next several hours, Idema and his team gave chase. "I didn't have my normal driver," Idema said. "If I'd had one of my Afghan drivers, we would have killed those fuckers." The attack didn't rattle Idema as much as the attitude of the authorities afterward. "I was in a firefight in the fucking street here with al Qaeda terrorists, and the [U.S.] ambassador wants to know who...fired the gun," Idema said.

Idema was confident that the news of his daring June 19–22 raids would change the coalition's opinion of him. "They all...kissed my ass over the last five days," he said shortly after the raids. "Except for the stupid American army. The Americans didn't help us one bit. We had to borrow flex cuffs from the Swedish."

Ten days after Idema was arrested, in a jab at the latter-day Rambo, Afghan Deputy Interior Minister Mashal declared that "none of [Idema's captives] were linked to the Taliban or al Qaeda...but the reason that Idema might have thought that they might be terrorists is that they had long beards and...the turban."

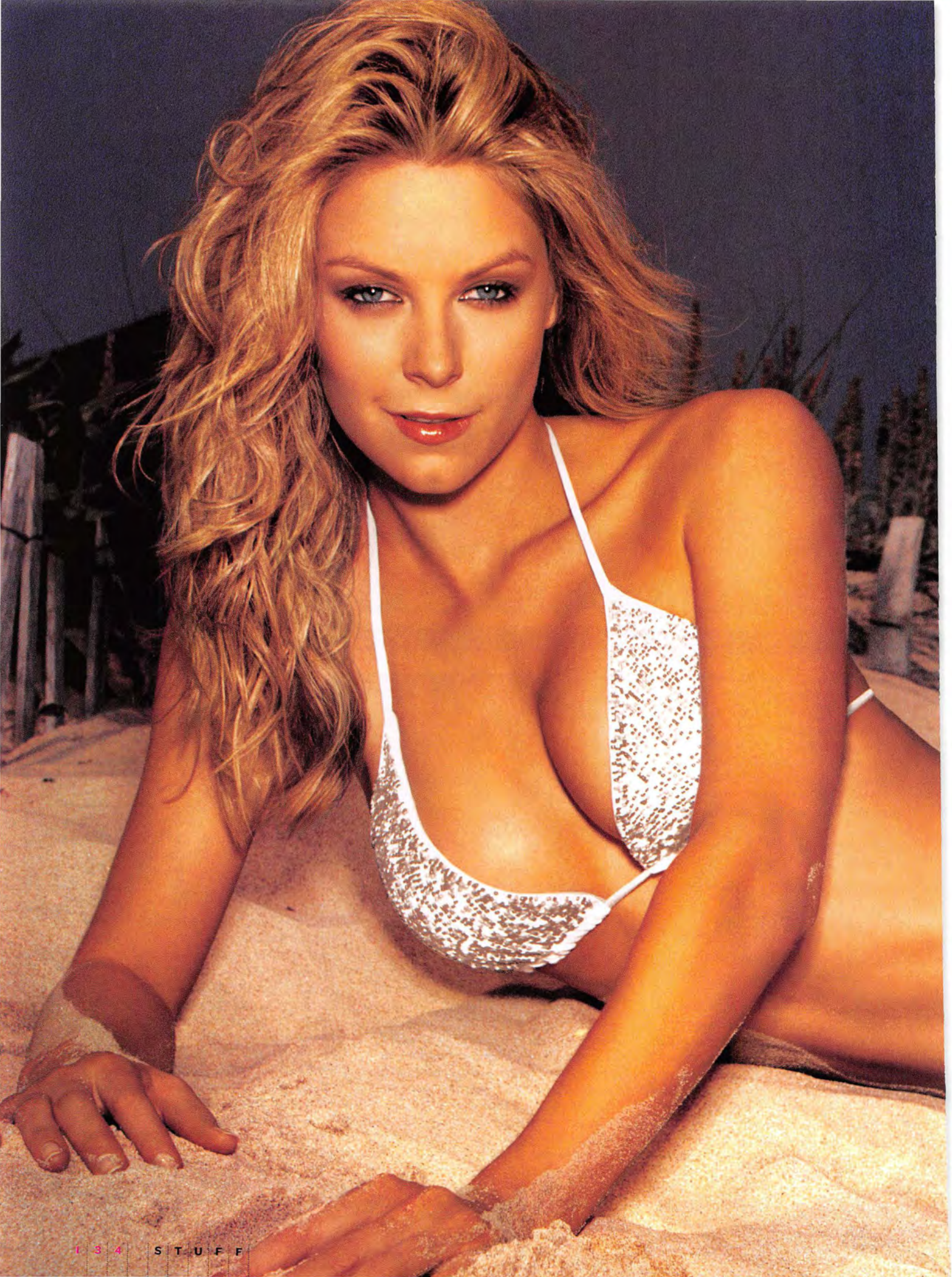
By August 30, while Idema and the others (Bennett, Caraballo and four Afghan allies—a porter, a guard and two translators) awaited the resumption of their twice-postponed trial, a car bomb exploded in Kabul, killing seven people, including two Americans. The bomb went off almost to the day that Idema had predicted three months earlier, when he told *Stuff*, "In 100 days, bombs are gonna start going off like fucking wildfire."

Speaking from prison through Tiffany, Idema told *Stuff* that the bombing was proof his intelligence had been sound. He added that he had received word from one of his operatives that the men he'd been hunting, including Gulham Sakhi, were responsible. Sakhi has claimed he is a humble shopkeeper, not a terrorist.

In court, Idema insisted on wearing sunglasses and complained loudly and often. In one appearance, he snapped: "Just give me 15 years and let's get it over with. Or hang me and let the others go free." On September 15, the judge obliged by sentencing Idema to 10 years in prison. (Bennett also received 10 years; Caraballo got eight. The four Afghan accomplices each received one to five years.)

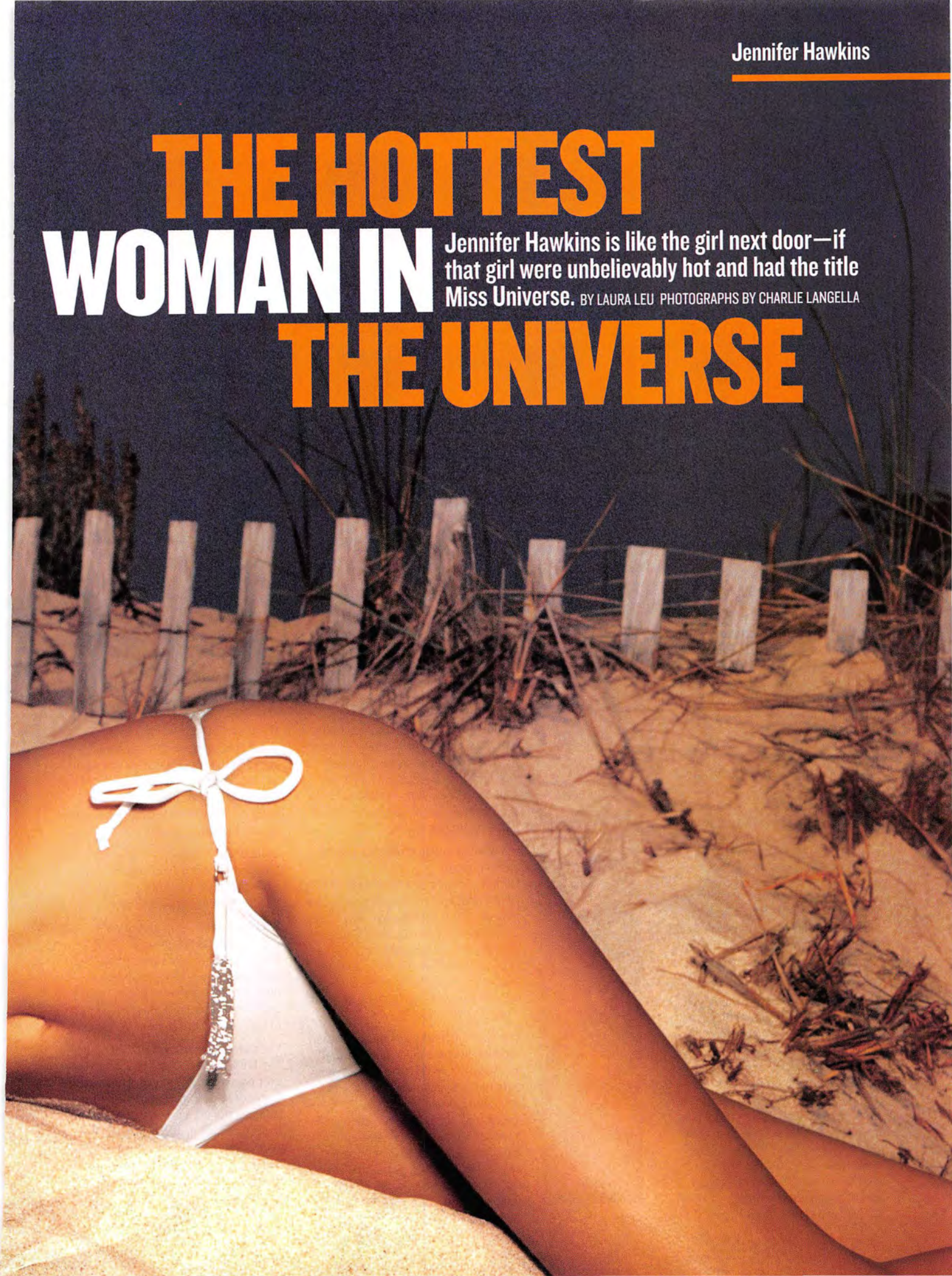
"It wasn't a surprise," Tiffany said, despite having introduced into evidence videotapes that, he claimed, showed Idema on the phone with U.S. military officials, including an Army captain responsible for coordinating antiterrorist activities who praised Idema for "rolling up [al Qaeda] like it's nobody's business."

But Tiffany acknowledged that even if the U.S. military had sanctioned Idema's mission, he still would have been in violation of Afghan law. At press time, Tiffany planned to appeal the verdict. In fact, he has based his defense strategy on courtroom antics and appeals, in anticipation of a time when new judges will be under less political pressure. Until then, said Tiffany, "We could present the most sophisticated evidence and it's going to make no difference." In the meantime, all Jack Idema has to do is survive prison—perhaps in conditions that no man could survive for 10 years.



THE HOTTEST WOMAN IN THE UNIVERSE

Jennifer Hawkins is like the girl next door—if that girl were unbelievably hot and had the title Miss Universe. BY LAURA LEU PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHARLIE LANGELLA



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Every year we watch the Miss Universe Pageant, and every year we're totally disappointed with the turnout. Where's Miss Jupiter? Where's Miss Pluto? Where is Prymatt Conehead from Planet Remulak? This year, however, was an exception. No, there weren't any exquisite extraterrestrials, but we were able to overlook that as soon as we saw the beautiful Miss Australia shimmy her way onstage. Also known as Jennifer Hawkins, the gorgeous girl from Down Under was a model and a rugby cheerleader before signing up for Donald Trump's pageant for the astronomically beautiful. She won, and she has the diamond-encrusted crown to prove it...if she can figure out where we hid it. *Tee-hee!*

STUFF: Congratulations on your win. Let's celebrate by getting trashed!
JENNIFER: Yeah, I could go out and have a drink.

I'm thinking booze, drugs and strippers. Then we could beat up a bum or two.
[*Laughs*] None of that. Maybe an appletini, but that's about it.

I suppose you have to behave yourself now that you're in the public eye. What sort of naughty things do you miss?
I'm not naughty, but I love to go out with my friends. I've always been a dancer, so when I get the chance, I love to dance with girlfriends and have a glass of champagne or two.

Since you represent the universe, do you believe that *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* hooey?
Yeah. I sort of think that women are like cats, and men are like dogs. Cats are very needy and catty, whereas men are easier to get along with. You can always have a guy as a friend.

During the course of the pageant, you lived with 79 other women for three weeks. That must have been hormonal!
It was less bitchy than what I thought it would be. I got along with everyone. But it was kind of bitchy sometimes.

The laws of physics state that if you put that many women together, it will end with either a nasty hair-pulling brawl or a sexy hair-pulling orgy. So which one did you experience?
There was little bit of cattiness when it came to the Internet, because there were two computers and a 15-minute time limit. And there were a couple of girls who would give you the up-and-down look and wouldn't talk to you. Miss Russia and Miss Ukraine were sort of, um, not as friendly.

Smile harder!

Spill the backstage beans. Was there a profuse amount of vomiting going on?
No. There were some girls who were watching their weight and didn't eat a lot on the day. But who knows? With 80 girls, there were probably a couple, but none that I know of.

But what about all the backstabbing and sabotage?
I heard a lot of stuff that happened last year, like people tripping people before they went onstage. But this year, it was quiet. There was an instance where a girl sat down on a chair, and this other girl had her bag on the chair, and she tried to get it by pushing the other girl off. And everyone was just looking and going, "What a bitch!"

***The Apprentice*'s Kwame Jackson was supposed to be a judge but was fired for "fraternizing with the contestants" prior to the pageant. Is that code for "trying to get laid"?**
It wasn't as big as everyone thought. It wasn't like he was sleeping with the contestants. He basically made eye contact and said hi, but that was prohibited in the rule book, so he couldn't judge.

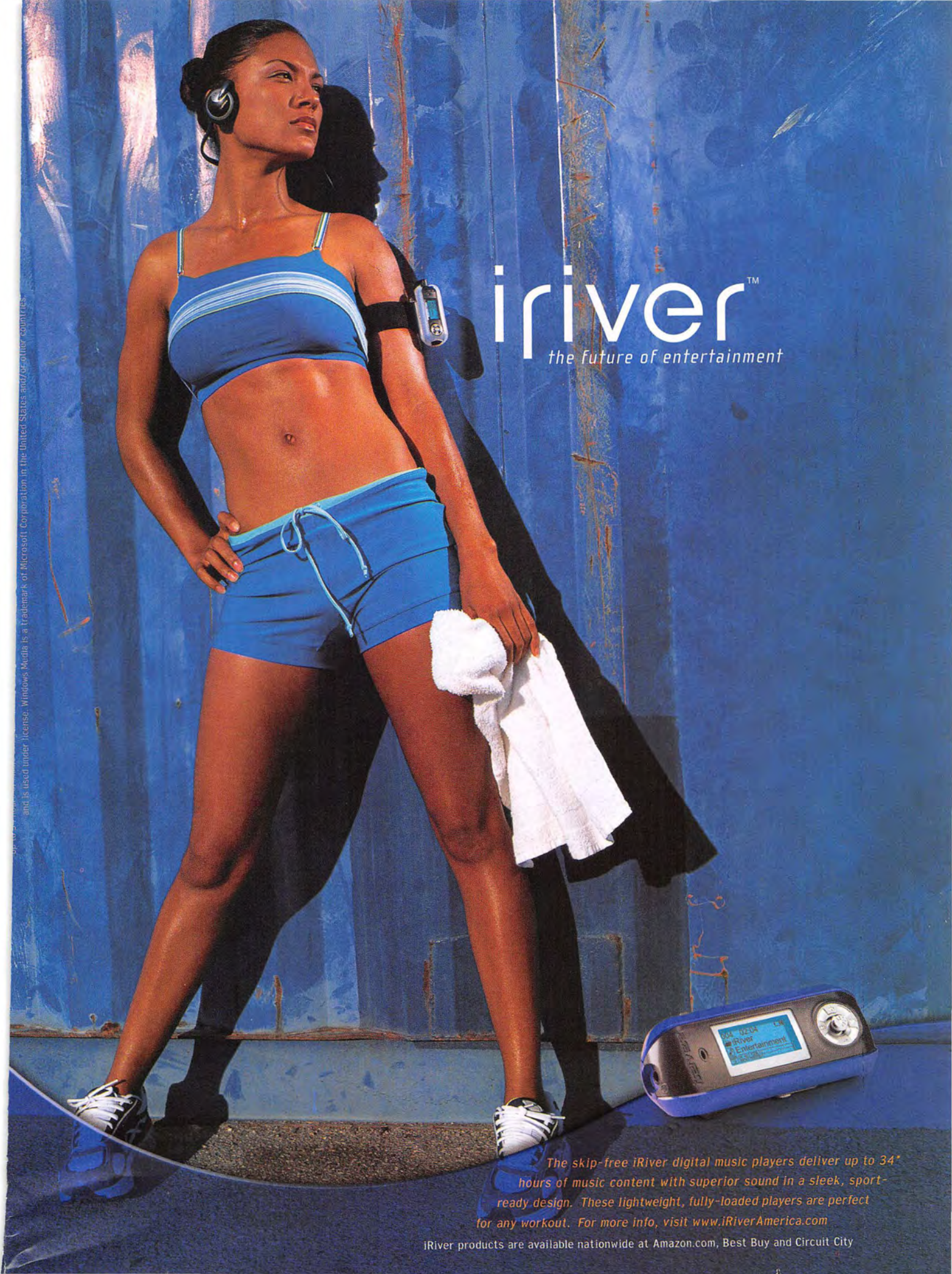
If you and Donald Trump were scheduled to make a TV appearance together but there was only one squirt of hairspray left, who would get it?
If he wanted it, he could have it. He's my boss. I don't use too much hairspray, so it's all good.

Good answer. Your crown is worth $30,000. Where do you keep it?
It's in my room. I sort of keep it hidden, just in case cleaners come in.

What is the next step up from Miss Universe? Miss Omniverse?
I'd love to continue modeling, and TV presenting is one thing I'd love to do. Also, if I had the chance to act, I'd give that a go. But definitely not singing. I cannot sing a note...unless it's karaoke.

You share an apartment with Miss USA and Miss Teen USA. Do the three of you ever prance around in your crowns and underwear, practicing your waves?
[*Laughs*] Not our crowns, but we do bounce around in our underwear. I've always got the music blaring and I dance around the apartment. I hope there's no one looking in with binoculars.

There will be now!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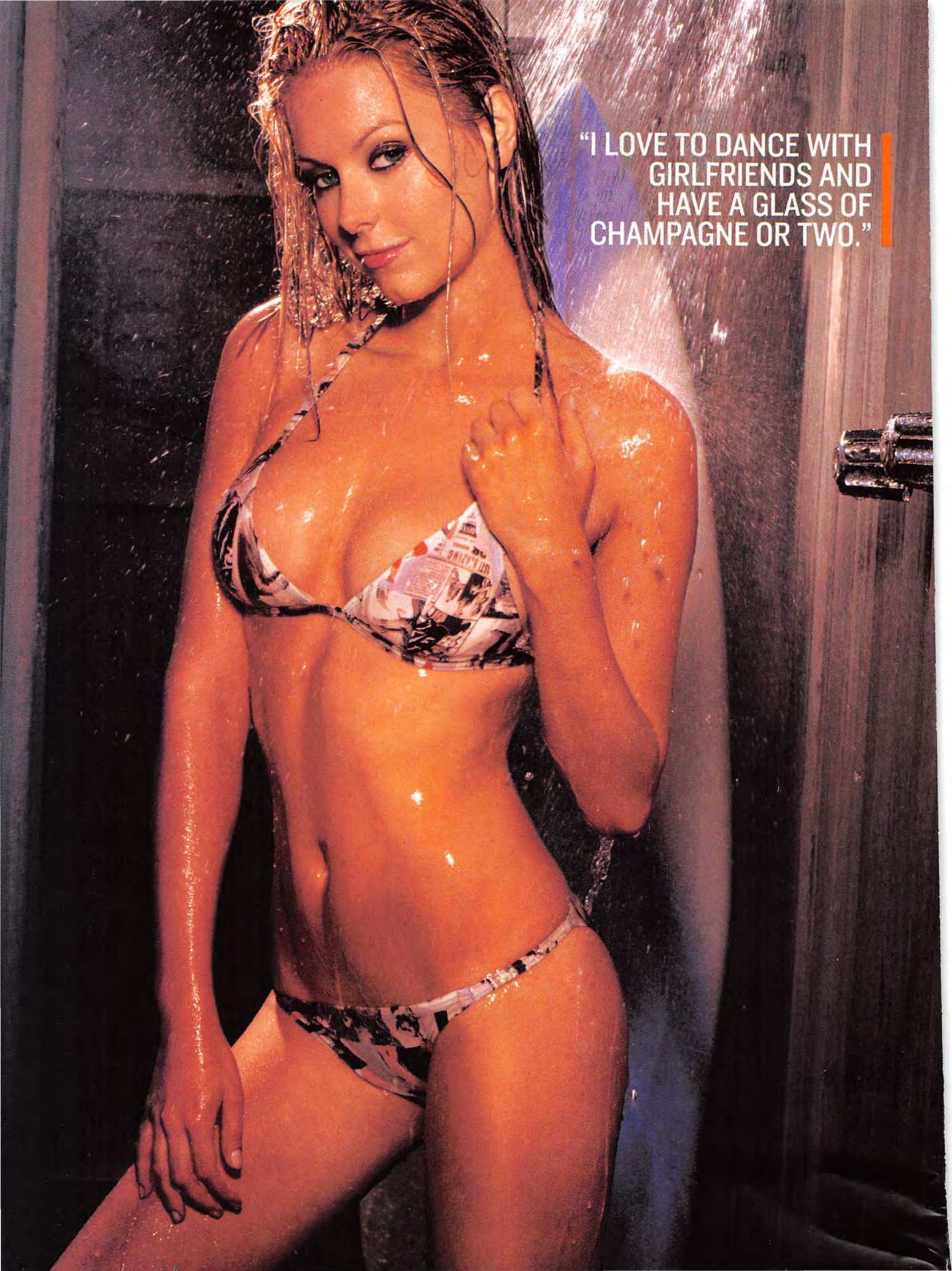

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FOR THE 2004 GOLD CUP HYDROPLANE RACES on the Detroit River, *Stuff* threw an exclusive VIP party at the legendary riverside club the Roostertail. As guests entered the party, they were stopped in their tracks by a hot photo shoot featuring *Stuff* models in EGO swimwear posing with the new 2005 Dodge Dakota towing the *Stuff*-sponsored Unlimited Light powerboat. The Dakota's V-8 engine easily handled the 2,000-plus-pound boat—it could tow up to three of them! Hostess Larissa Meek from *Average Joe: Hawaii* was on hand to ensure everyone had a good time in the Motor City. For more info on the Dodge Dakota, please see page 86 of *Stuff*'s Ultimate Car Guide '05.

STAR-SPANGLED BANTER

Deciding who to vote for can be time-consuming and difficult. So these politically minded personalities did the deciding for you. Thanks, prickly pundits!

MO ROCCA

Author of *All the Presidents' Pets* and self-styled "basic-cable virus"

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We're going to have to change the title of first lady to empress if John Kerry wins. Teresa Heinz Kerry will turn the East Wing into a biosphere. She'll probably bring along some green monkeys and toucans. I love the idea of a monorail through the White House. On the downside, if Kerry wins, someone will dig up that goddamn Swift boat and put it in the Air and Space Museum to replace the *Spirit of St. Louis*. The pro of Kerry being elected is that there is no faster ticket to oblivion than the office of vice president, so we won't have to hear John Edwards prattling on about being the son of a mill worker anymore.

If George W. Bush wins, the minus side is that the world will blow up, and that can be upsetting. I mean, literally, the earth will explode. On the plus side, we'll invade North Korea, and C-SPAN will be forced to televise the gang rape of Kim Jong-il. And I love Jenna and Barbara. Barbara is like a buttoned-down George Bush, while Jenna is Bush's id. She's pre-O'Doul's George Bush.

REV. AL SHARPTON

Host of Spike TV's *I Hate My Job*

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If you were going to base your decision solely on the candidates' hair, you should definitely vote for Kerry. It shows health, virility and that he is not afraid to wear a full head of hair, where in contrast, you see a thinning, declining, resigning Bush hairline. As one who does take care of his own hair, this is not a minor issue.

I think Kerry is a good candidate. I mean, obviously I would have supported myself over Kerry, but if I had to lose to anybody, I couldn't have lost to a better person. He is a great listener. He is not pompous at all. The thing I don't like about Bush—I've met Bush twice—is you get the feeling he is never listening. It's all posing and cosmetic cordiality. Nothing registers. It's like talking to a mannequin.

"TALKING TO BUSH IS LIKE TALKING TO A MANNEQUIN."

COLIN QUINN

Host of Comedy Central's *Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn*

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I spent my life as a registered Democrat. But I will vote Republican. Why? Because I don't like fundamentalism, intolerance and censorship. It used to be the right-wing Christians who had the patent on witch-hunting and demonizing the opposition. Now it is the liberals who have become self-righteous and hateful. If you disagree with them, they throw out charges of racism, homophobia and Fox News–watching.

Both liberals and the religious right allow no room for nuance in their arguments, but at least the right is out in the open—and therefore more vulnerable to the checks and balances that are built into our system. The left, because of its power in the culture—which it will deny and rationalize—is much more prone to denial of its abuses. So I guess this means the lesser of two evils until such time as I leave this planet, escorted off by the God of my choice. Unless you don't believe in God, then until I am ruining the environment with my decaying corpse.

LEWIS BLACK

Political commentator on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* and author of the upcoming *Nothing's Sacred*

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Can we just have a third party already? Let's just do the work and get a third party. Get Ralph Nader out of the way, because he nominates himself and that doesn't count. That's something you learn in the second grade—you don't vote for anybody who says, "I nominate me." That usually is the jackass. I am so tired of people going, "I'm a Democrat!" "I'm a Republican!" If you need a team so badly, join a bowling league! At some point, there has to be somebody who will step up to the plate and say, "Excuse me, um, there are other ideas."

Most of us don't want to go that far to the left *or* to the right. We're tired of it. And I'm certainly not going to listen to people talking about "protecting freedom" who don't believe in evolution! If you don't believe in evolution, guess what? You've forgotten a very small part of a larger tapestry that I like to call reality. How could you know what freedom is if you don't know what a fossil is?

JANEANE GAROFALO

Host of Air America Radio's *The Majority Report*

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George Bush doesn't believe in evolution. He said that the jury is still out on evolution. What I am saying to first-time voters is, if you believe in science, if you believe in using your intellect, then you've got to vote for John Kerry. If you agree with secret detentions and denying people the right to breathe clean air, then you should vote for George Bush. If you fear multiculturalism and you fear science and you fear modernity and you think poverty is a moral failing, vote for Bush. But if you'd like to move toward sanity, then you've gotta vote for Kerry. Our potential as a nation is thwarted by the right-wingers. It makes us a nation of rednecks.

"KERRY'S DROOPY FACE RESEMBLES A BASSET HOUND'S."

BEN STEIN

Author, former speech writer for Richard M. Nixon and guy from the Clear-Eyes commercial

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Kerry is an unusual opportunist—even in politics, a profession that is filled with opportunists. It reveals a lot to me that he has for 40 years been cutting his hair in a Kennedy haircut. That says: "I don't have much of a self. I'll just model myself on someone who did have a more famous self." It is like getting a tattoo of a band, which I also do not find cool. I am leery of his vanity—his $1,000 haircuts, his having to be the best at windsurfing, at snowboarding, at mountain biking. He is so vain, it calls into question his maturity. I find it more than coincidence that he, a man without much money, married not one but two wealthy women. One of them is five years older than he is and a loose cannon, to put it mildly. I have never had a lot of respect for men or women who marry for money. And he has no plan at all for Iraq that makes any sense whatsoever. His idea that France and Germany are going to rescue us there shows extreme ignorance of the facts.

ROB CORDDRY AND ED HELMS

Correspondents on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*

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ROB: Hello, Ed. Ordinarily, people masturbate to *Stuff* magazine, but today they've asked us for some political soft-core.

ED: Sounds great, Rob. Insomuch as we are both total frauds, it makes perfect sense that people want to hear our thoughts about issues of national import. Here's a question: Do you think George Bush has done a good job convincing America that he is a compassionate conservative?

ROB: Absolutely, Ed. Bush's compassion is as pure and genuine as that of a father's compassion for his own son. But just as an ungrateful child might not understand the tough love of a stern dad, the American public has misread many of Bush's actions. When it looks like Bush is stiffing the working class with huge tax breaks for the wealthy, he is really just saying, "Come on, kiddo! If you want that new set of roller blades (i.e. your child's college tuition), you need to work a little harder. Maybe mow some lawns this summer (i.e. put in months of overtime at the textile mill)." Now here's a question for you, Ed. Do you think the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ads will have an effect on the outcome of this election?

ED: There's no question that they've done some damage, Rob, but don't underestimate Kerry's uncanny ability to take a simple black-and-white issue and parse the nuances of it until everyone is completely confused. Unlike Bush, Kerry respects the American voter's intellect, which is why he articulates his political positions in the same language you might see in a manual for routing circuitry in the motherboard of a missile-guidance system. And the American people appreciate that. Finally, and perhaps most important, Kerry's droopy face resembles that of a basset hound, and I've never met anyone who doesn't think basset hounds are adorable.

ROB: Great point, Ed. You sound really smart.

ED: So do you, Rob!

CHOOSE AND LOSE

Insane election battles like these will make you long for dictatorship. And Nyquil.

BY DAN NEMET-NEJAT

ELVIS LIVES, RUNS

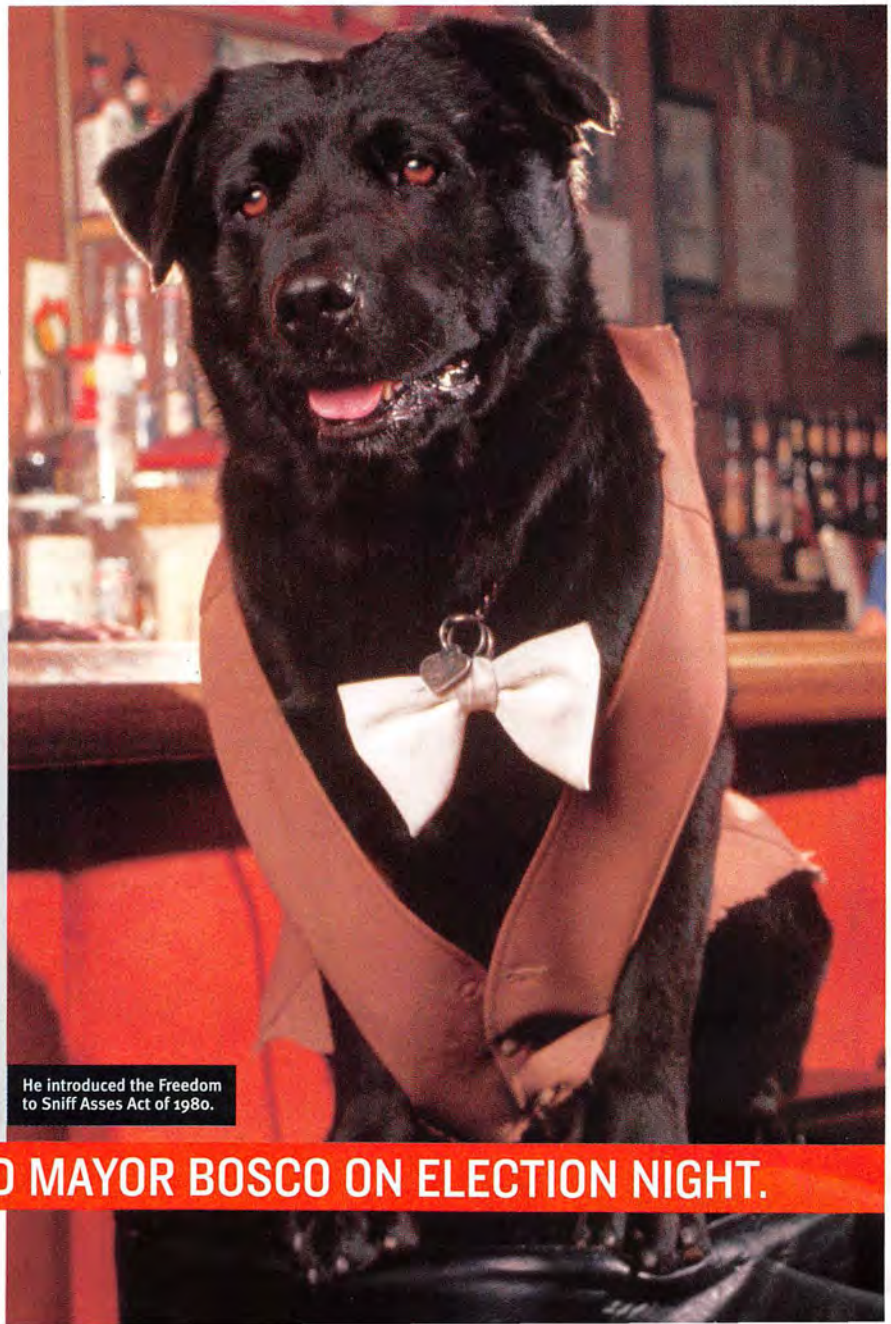
Bruce Borders, an Elvis impersonator and two-time mayor of Jasonville, Indiana, ran for a state-legislature seat in 2002. He was actually ahead in the polls until his opponent started running ads highlighting Borders' muttonchops and rhinestone suits. Borders lost by 290 votes and presumably consoled himself with peanut butter–and-banana sandwiches.

POTHEAD BEATS WISEGUY

William Macera was reelected mayor of Johnston, Rhode Island, in 2002, despite the fact that weeks earlier he was found in a car that police said reeked of marijuana. He edged out write-in candidate Louis Vinagro Jr., who reportedly threatened a state official investigating his Mafia—er, we mean waste-hauling—business just before the election.

DOG BEGS FOR OFFICE

In 1979, the good people of Sunol, California, elected a 70-pound black Labrador named Bosco their mayor. He occasionally humped his constituents' legs and once ran away for a week, reportedly with a "no-good bitch." ▷▷▷



He introduced the Freedom to Sniff Asses Act of 1980.

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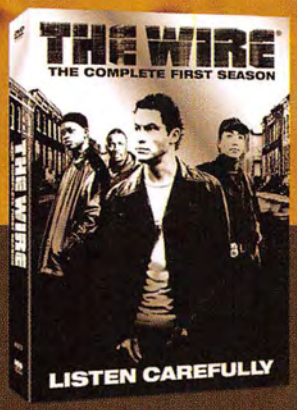

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A GOOD PROBE

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A SURE SHOT TO WIN

Byron Looper did everything he could to win the 1998 election for Tennessee state senator. First, he changed his middle name to Low Tax. When that failed to influence public opinion, he shot his opponent, Tommy Burks, dead. This might have cost Looper the election, but it did get him lots of publicity.

TEXAS-STYLE DEFEAT

When Texas Governor Edmund Jackson Davis ran for reelection in 1873, he was defeated 2-to-1. So he barricaded himself inside the state capitol with his private police force for five days before admitting defeat. We used this same maneuver during our 1989 attempt to make our parents buy us a Nintendo.

A SOILED REPUTATION

After Bobby Banks was elected to the New Bern, North Carolina, soil-conservation board in 2000, he was promptly arrested because, as a convicted felon, he had illegally registered to vote. But who among us can resist the sexy allure of a seat on a soil-conservation board?

HART ATTACK

Before the 1984 Democratic primary in Pennsylvania, Walter Mondale spoke at a fundraising dinner. Supporters of his opponent, Gary Hart, planted fortune cookies with the message "Hart wins Pennsylvania." Mondale won the state by 14 points but ended up getting his ass beat by Reagan.

"With all due respect, Congressman, I believe you be straight trippin' like a motherfucker."

DEATH TAKES ELECTION DAY

In 2000, John Ashcroft achieved a first in senatorial-election history: He lost the race to a dead man. Ashcroft was actually leading in the polls until his opponent, Mel Carnahan, died in a plane crash just prior to election day. The voters of Missouri then decided they preferred the dead guy's widow to the future singin', dancin', bill-of-rights-ignorin' attorney general.

ONE CANDIDATE DECLARED THAT ALIENS CURED HER CANCER.

THE ANTI-CAMPAIGN

Firefighter Douglas Couvertier was running a spirited campaign for city council of Southwest Ranches, Florida, until he realized that, according to local laws, he would have to quit his job and give up his pension if he got elected. Since it was too late to be removed from the ballot, Couvertier went door-to-door, sent out mailings and printed T-shirts to advertise his new message: "Don't Vote for Me." Couvertier achieved his goal—he got 74 out of 1,700 votes cast.

VANDAL SEEKS VOTES

During the 1998 battle for a seat in Georgia's state senate, Republican candidate Bart Ladd was caught on film ripping down a campaign sign of his opponent, Gerald Bartels. But Ladd had a brilliant defense: Bartels started it. Bartels was then sent to bed with no dinner, and Ladd got the last laugh—he won 68 percent of the vote.

BULLETS, NOT BALLOTS

In the middle of his 2002 reelection bid, Sheriff Sam Catron of Pulaski County, Kentucky, was shot to death while leaving a campaign fish fry. (Apparently, fried food actually *will* kill you.) His former deputy and campaign rival, Jeff Morris, was charged with and later pleaded guilty to complicity in the murder, but he remained on the ballot. That election season in Kentucky featured two candidates murdered and an attempt on the life of a county clerk. Apparently, in Kentucky, they cast votes with small-arms fire.

TRAFICANT CAN'T

In 2002, Ohio Representative James Traficant, convicted on bribery and racketeering charges, waged an unsuccessful reelection campaign—from jail. Vowing to be "the first American ever elected to congress from a prison cell," Traficant aired commercials telling people not to fear government. He received 15 percent of the vote and several offers of romantic companionship.

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Fast Forward

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Anniversary time

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Undie king

Just as the real crown jewels are safe inside the Tower of London, so are our testicles inside these Crown Jewels underwear ($15). Although they're touted as a sexier line of men's boxers, the pair of underwear here says something about quitting work. We guess some folks find our national unemployment rate sexy. **mycrownjewels.com**

Cool pants

These waterproof Titanium Center Stage pants ($125) from Columbia Sportswear might sound like they're for ballet dancing, but they're actually for skiing. But if you want to perform a ballet in them, your father and I will still love you. **columbia.com**

Get down

Ah, geese...nature's flying radiators. Their downy warmth has been plucked from the sky and shoved inside this Mother Fluff jacket ($895) from Dsquared to keep us toasty all winter long. Because if there is one thing Canadian geese hate, it's hypothermia. Now all we're missing is nature's pants and nature's underwear. Ah, wolverines... **Bergdorf Goodman stores**

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KIT SAYS

"Hello, Pippi Longstocking! I love the cool jeans and the worn-in look of the long coat and the shoes. He could lose the tie and still look good because of the strong blue color."

Adidas *WOOL DUFFLE JACKET, $250, AT ADIDAS STORES*

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LOOK THREE $1,150

CINDY SAYS

"Steve looks hot in this classy suit-and-tie ensemble, and the scarf pulls it all together! He is definitely heading in the right direction."

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Mark Nason *VITTEL SHOES, $250, MARKNASON.COM*

LOOK FOUR $1,825

CINDY SAYS

"Steve looks like the great outdoors meets the city with this rugged feel. I think it would help to see something a little brighter underneath, but nothing too crazy."

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BOSS Hugo Boss *GRAY SUIT ($695), DRESS SHIRT ($85) AND SILK TIE ($95), 800-484-6267*

JB x Ricky Powells *SNEAKERS, $200, SUITE2206.COM*

Hair: William Williams @ Bernstein & Andriulli. Makeup: Sylvester @ Bernstein & Andriulli.

WELL RED

The items on these pages have one thing in common. (If you guessed "They never really loved us," you're close.) PHOTOGRAPHS BY JEFF HARRIS

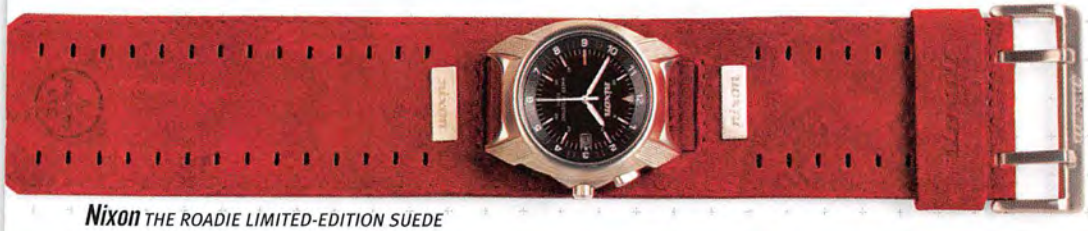
Guess 55 MPH T-SHIRT, $36, GUESS.COM

Neff BAT STEEZER CAP, $20, NEFFHEADWEAR.COM

Nautica Jeans Company SANDED FLIGHT JACKET, $100, NAUTICAJEANS.COM

Pony CEASAR SHOES, $75, 866-221-7669

Puma Time Pieces VINTAGE CUFF WATCH, $140, AT PUMA, NYC

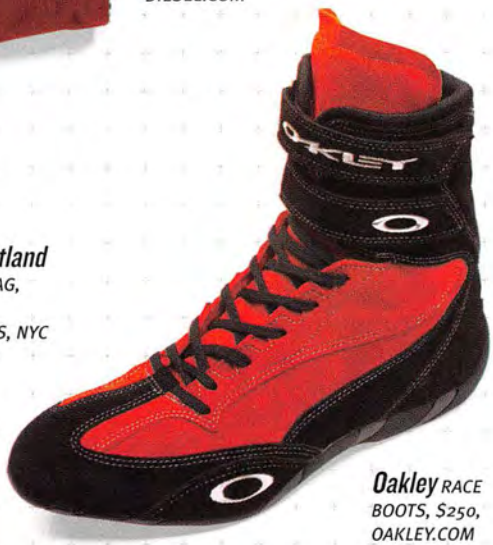


Nixon *THE ROADIE LIMITED-EDITION SUEDE CUFF WATCH, $120, NIXONNOW.COM*

Vans *CLASSIC SLIP-ONS, $35, VANS.COM*

Perry Ellis *VELVET TWO-BUTTON SUIT JACKET ($275), VELVET PANTS ($195) AND COTTON DRESS SHIRT ($70), PERRYELLIS.COM*

Diesel *ET BELT, $59, DIESEL.COM*



Oakley *RACE BOOTS, $250, OAKLEY.COM*

Pringle of Scotland *PVC WEEKEND BAG, $170, AT BLOOMINGDALE'S, NYC*

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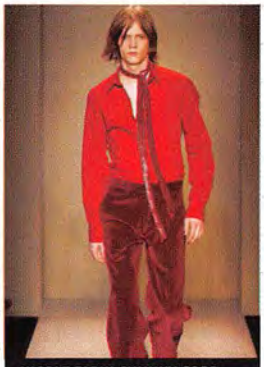

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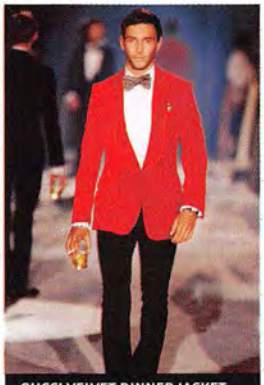

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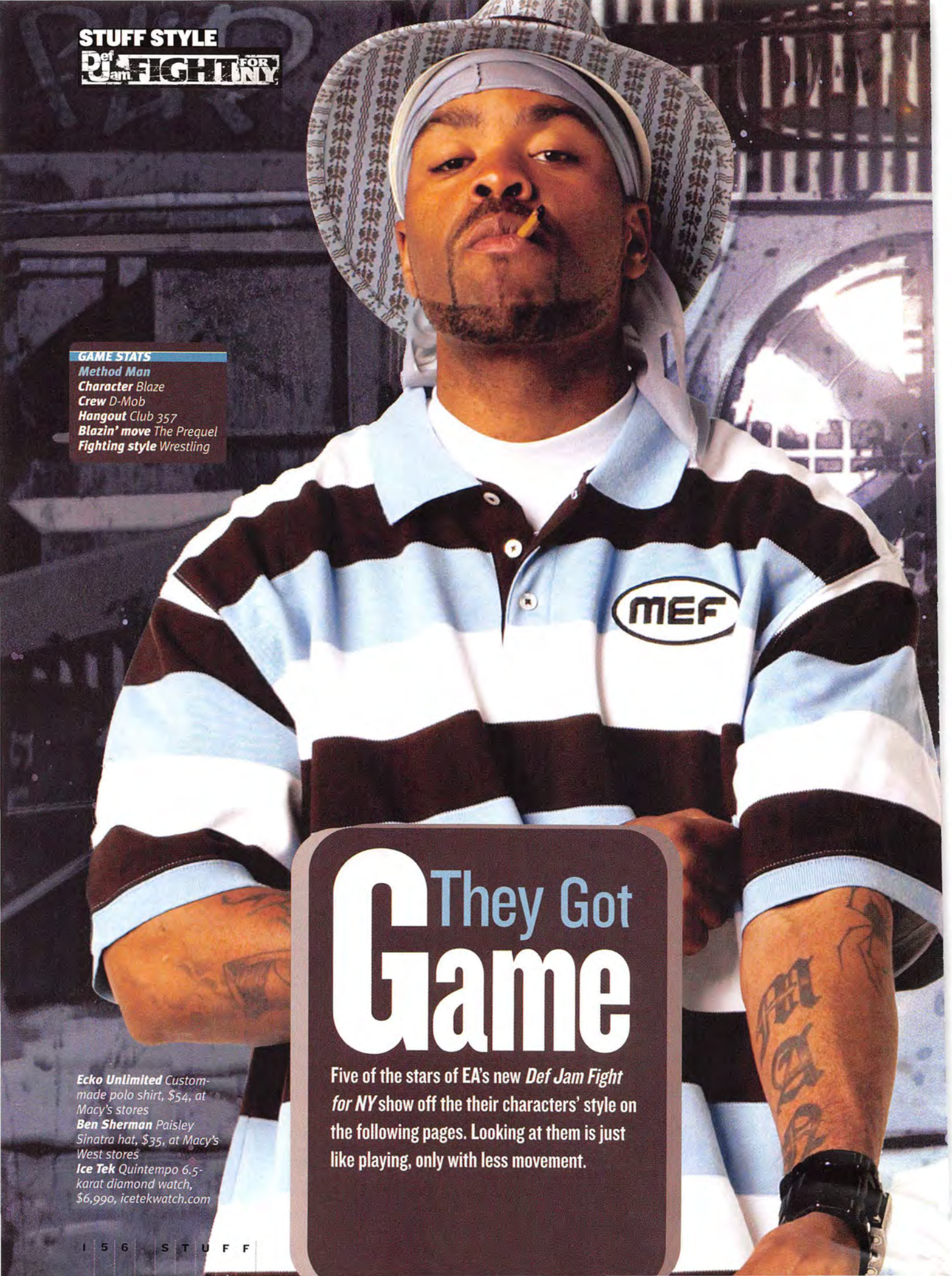

GAME STATS
Method Man
Character *Blaze*
Crew *D-Mob*
Hangout *Club 357*
Blazin' move *The Prequel*
Fighting style *Wrestling*

They Got Game

Five of the stars of EA's new *Def Jam Fight for NY* show off the their characters' style on the following pages. Looking at them is just like playing, only with less movement.

Ecko Unlimited *Custom-made polo shirt, $54, at Macy's stores*
Ben Sherman *Paisley Sinatra hat, $35, at Macy's West stores*
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GAME STATS
Redman
Character *Doc*
Crew *D-Mob*
Hangout *The couch*
Blazin' move *Balls to the Wall*
Fighting style *Martial arts*

Mitchell & Ness
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Nike *Air Force 1 sneakers, $70, niketown.com*
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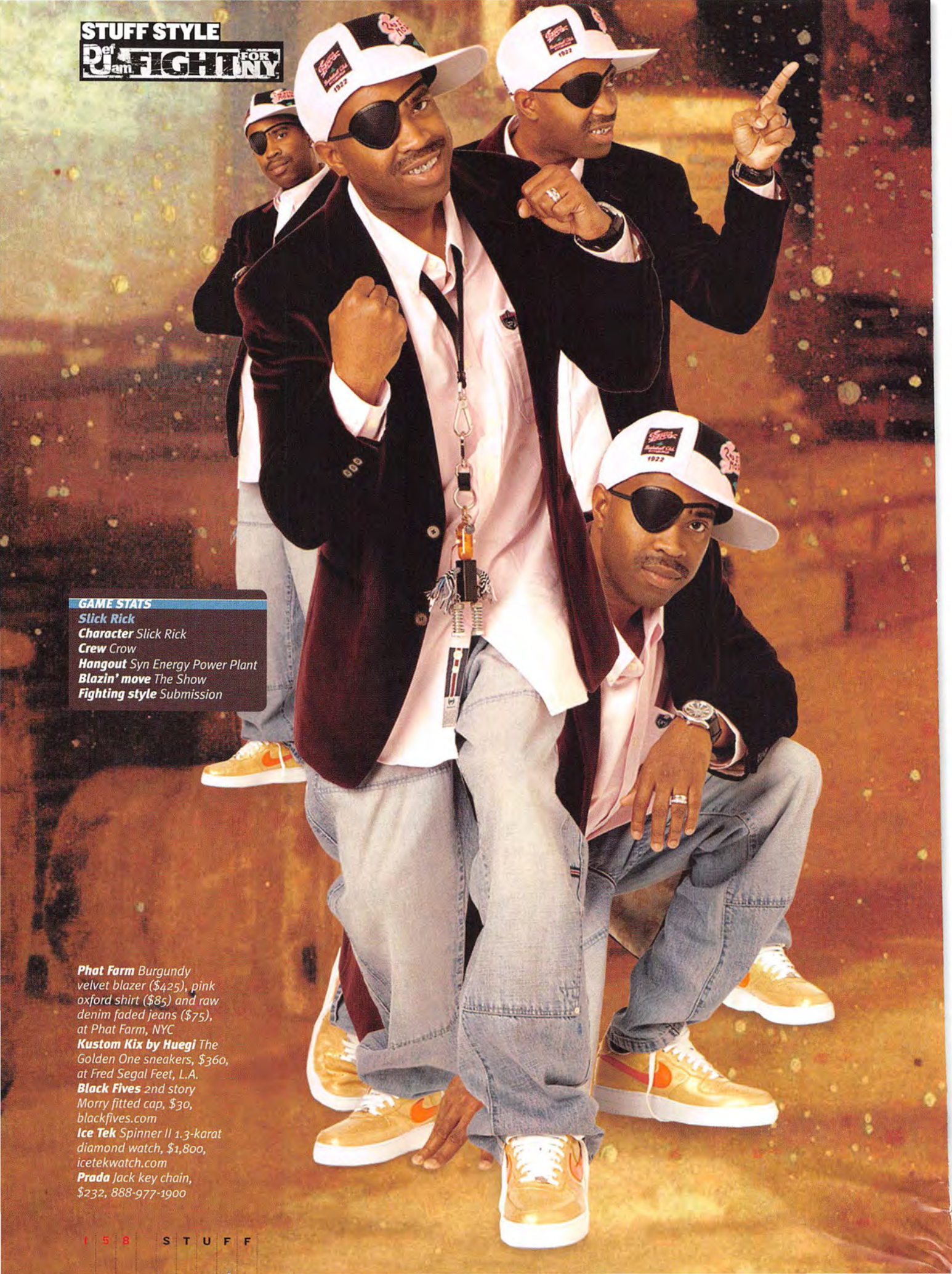

GAME STATS
Slick Rick
Character *Slick Rick*
Crew *Crow*
Hangout *Syn Energy Power Plant*
Blazin' move *The Show*
Fighting style *Submission*

Phat Farm *Burgundy velvet blazer ($425), pink oxford shirt ($85) and raw denim faded jeans ($75), at Phat Farm, NYC*
Kustom Kix by Huegi *The Golden One sneakers, $360, at Fred Segal Feet, L.A.*
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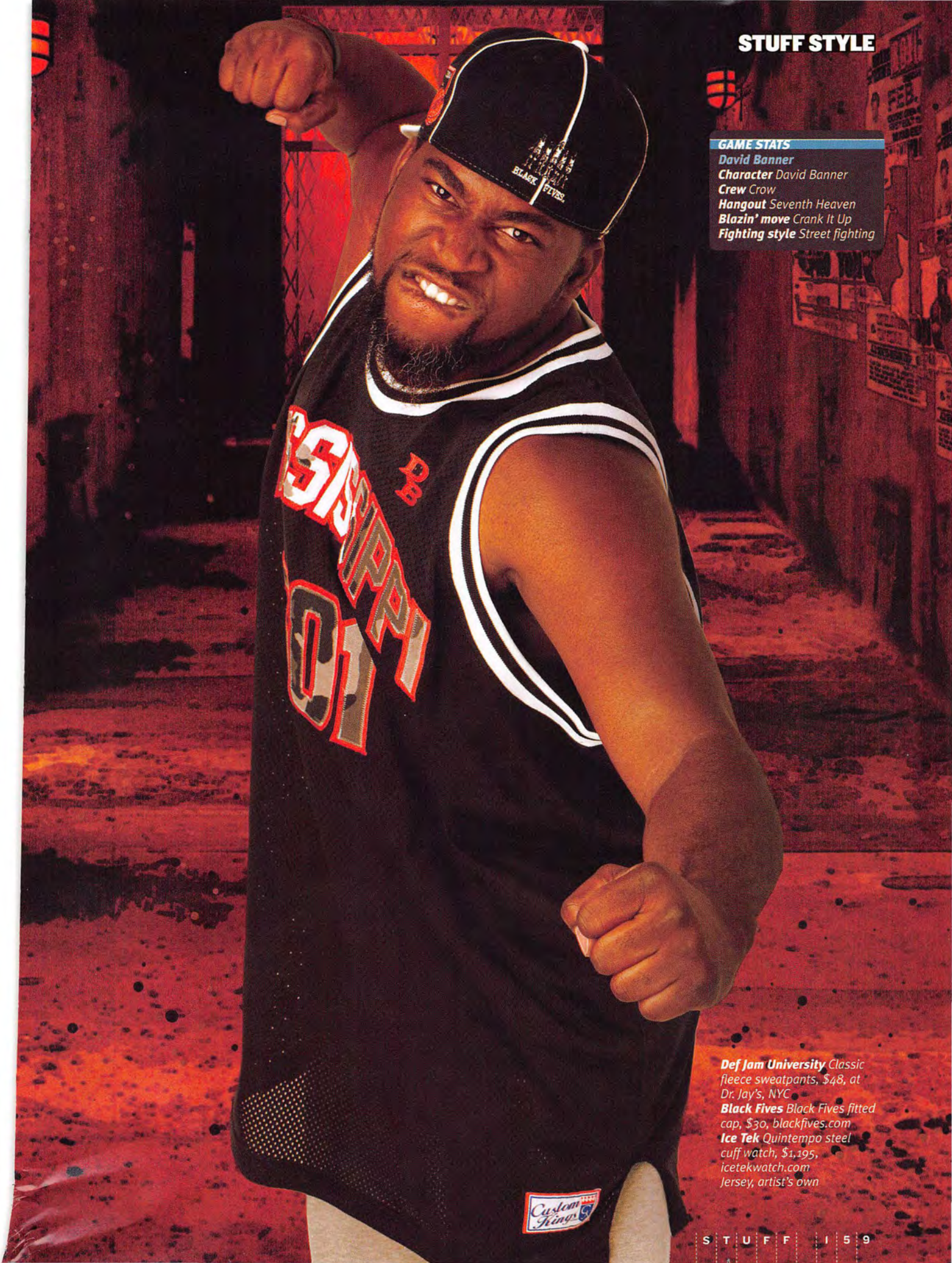

GAME STATS
David Banner
Character *David Banner*
Crew *Crow*
Hangout *Seventh Heaven*
Blazin' move *Crank It Up*
Fighting style *Street fighting*

Def Jam University *Classic fleece sweatpants, $48, at Dr. Jay's, NYC*
Black Fives *Black Fives fitted cap, $30, blackfives.com*
Ice Tek *Quintempo steel cuff watch, $1,195, icetekwatch.com*
Jersey, artist's own

GAME STATS
Elephant Man
Character *Elephant Man*
Crew *Crow*
Hangout *Babylon*
Blazin' move *Good 2 Go*
Fighting style *Kickboxing*

Mark Ecko Collection *The Band navy wool double-breasted jacket, $390, at Atrium, NYC*
Diesel *Tiiner jeans, $149, diesel.com*
Nike *Air Force 1 sneakers, $70, niketown.com*

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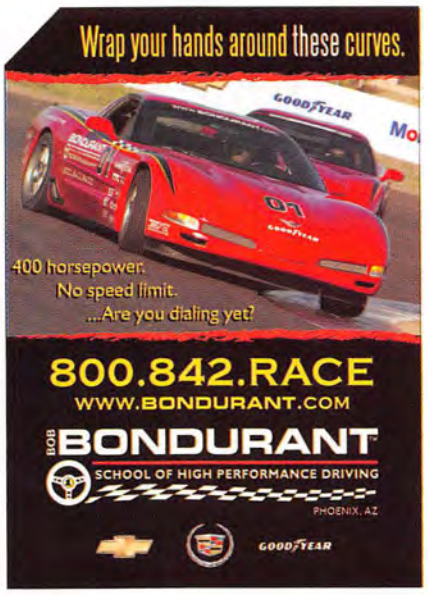
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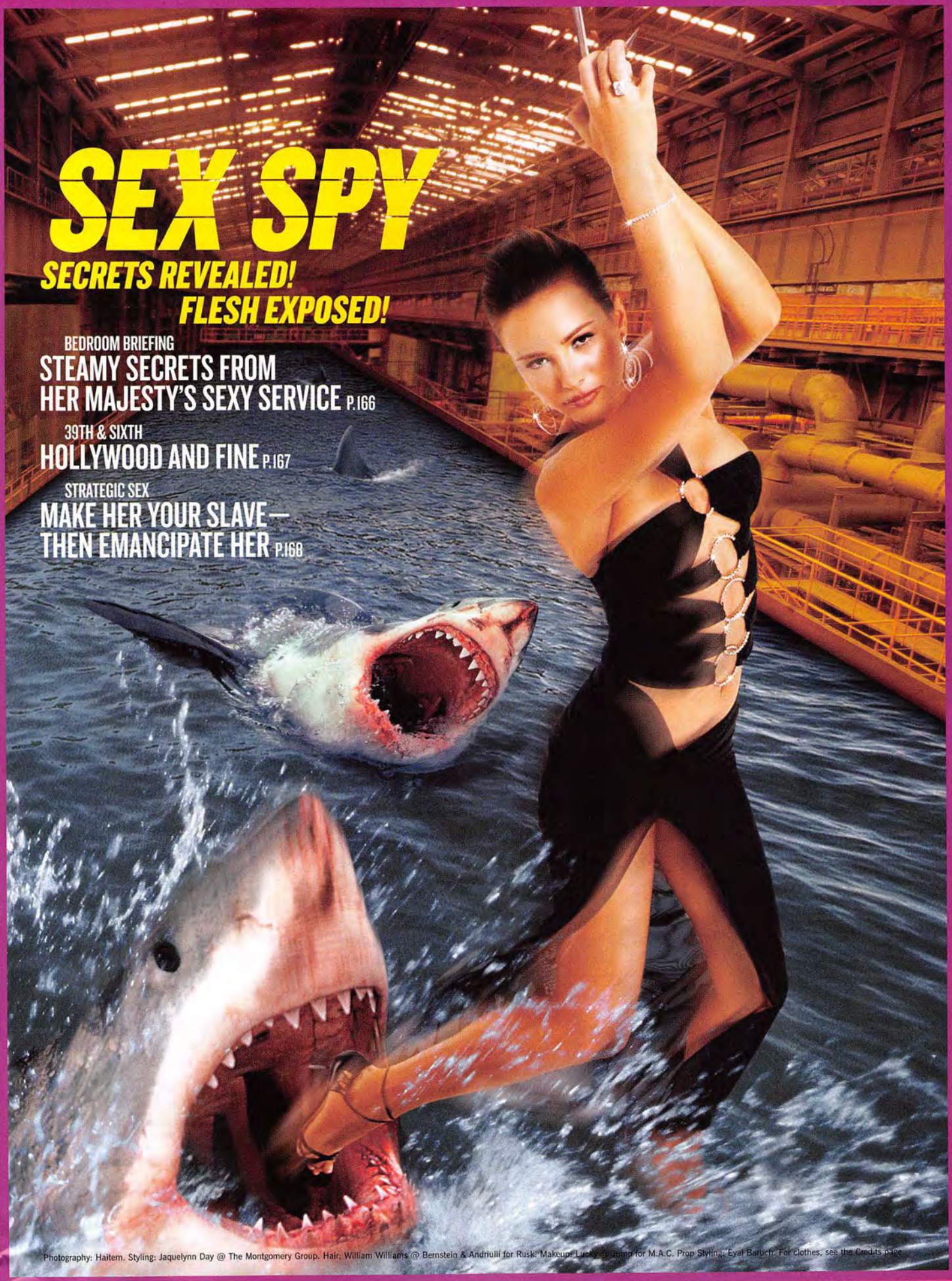

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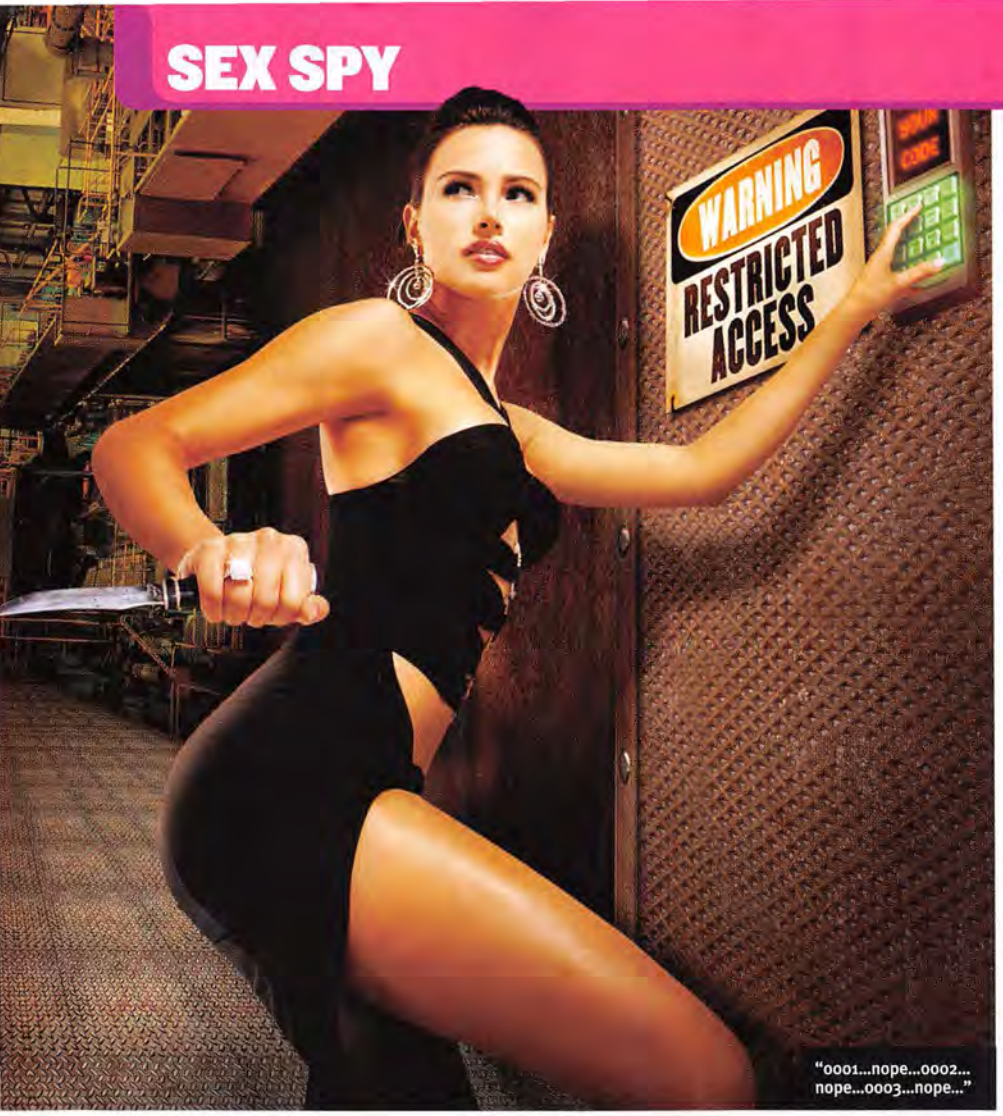

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BEDROOM BRIEFING

THE XXX GAMES

Our Sex Spy loves reading about your sexual problems. She's especially comforted by the fact that she doesn't know you personally.

Our coach tells us not to have sex before a football game because it decreases our testosterone levels and, therefore, makes us play like shit. Is there any truth to this?

Look at it this way: The Minnesota Vikings were separated from their wives before all four Super Bowl games they played in during the '70s. Their record: 0-4! Sure, you could say they had no luck or just sucked, but you can't argue with this study: In 1999, a group of Italian scientists discovered that men's testosterone levels actually rise with sexual activity and, thus, sex enhances aggression and physical performance. However, you *can* overdo it. If you're the type to engage in vigorous sex lasting more than 90 minutes, call me! Um, I mean, you'll deplete your testosterone levels. So keep things moderate. It's the perfect excuse to let her get on top and do all the work, you lazy bum.

My girlfriend avoids my biggie smalls like the plague. How can I get her to play with them more?

I bounced the balls question off of *Species III*'s delicious duo, Sunny Mabrey and Amelia Cooke (p. 116), and asked for their two cents. What I got was four cents and the consensus that you need a clean, shaven (or, in my opinion, trimmed) pair if you want her to play nice with them. Your girlfriend might also be scared of hurting you. Perhaps she's seen one too many episodes of *America's Funniest Home Videos*, where some poor sap gets whacked in the nuts by a Wiffle-ball-bat-wielding tyke with a vicious streak, so assure her that *soft* caressing, *gentle* pulling and *light* scratching down below are all good. (The adjectives are italicized because you do not want to leave them out—and it looks pretty.) If that doesn't work, tell her that your testicles are the ticket to your increased stamina, since a gentle downward tug on them can help delay ejaculation. It works almost as well as a photo of Oprah Winfrey but is far less upsetting.

How do porcupines have sex?

I was about to respond "very carefully," but then I remembered that I'm not a predictable hack. So, let's get straight to the poking, shall we? Porcupines pork in a fashion similar to humans in that the male begins his ritual with a boner, stands up on his hind legs and proceeds to urinate on his mate. What, like you've never done that? Anyway, the golden shower agitates the female, who snarls and snaps as the male approaches her, usually on three paws, stylishly stroking his penis with his fourth. The female then folds down her quills, and they go at it doggie-style. The problem is, some inexperienced females might not fold down all their quills or forget to move their barbed tail out of the way, so the porcudude gets pincushioned. And that's why you should go to only second base with a porcupine.

Can a girl have an orgasm without any physical contact?

Yup. It's called psychic masturbation, and it's not something Miss Cleo charges $3.99 a minute for. Two percent of lucky ladies can think their way to O-town without any touchy-feely action. (Only 0.81 percent of men can get off without a helping hand.) More common, however, are nocturnal orgasms (yes, wet dreams), which are more likely to occur in older women who have a storied history in sex and masturbation. By the time women reach age 55, 38 percent of the sleeping beauties have experienced sugarplums dancing in their pants. The other 62 percent have probably experienced the All-American Slam from the Denny's senior menu. —*Laura Leu*

Sex Is Natural...

Sex is good. Not everybody does it, but everybody should. Wow, that should be a song! While we're working to get it produced, head to StuffMagazine.com and read more advice from our Sex Spy. Or send your queries to her at sexspy@stuffmagazine.com. It might be the only chance you'll have to get into her in-box.

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RUB-A-DUB NUBS During the sex act of tribadism, two women attempt to achieve orgasm by rubbing their clitorises together. We thought they were just trying to start a fire.

FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SPERM A man ejaculates at an average speed of 28 mph. Which is why you should get road head only in construction zones.

SARAH ON THE STREET...

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THE WOMEN OF 39TH & SIXTH

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

This Nebraskan brought her country-girl values to Los Angeles. We brought our hopes, dreams and a cheese sandwich.

Name: **SARAH**

Age: **20**

Profession: Student and model

Menace to turkeys: "My dad's a turkey farmer, and I would help with loading out—where you have all the turkeys going in one direction for them to go to the chop shop. But I love meat. I'm not a vegetarian."

Her mating ritual: "Guys come up to me a lot, but the ones that I like, *I* go up to. I saw this guy dancing at a club, and I just went up to him and said, 'You're hot.' I think it's a turn-on when a guy doesn't try anything and I make the first move."

But of course there's a catch: "Not every guy can just have me. It's not just: 'You're hot, we have a great connection, we're in bed together.' It takes a lot."

Most embarrassing intimate moment: "Let's just say this person and I were doing stuff...and then I farted. I left the room blushing and was like, 'I want to go home.'"

Loaded question: "[During this shoot] the photographer was like, 'You have a great ass.' I was like, 'I *do* have a great ass. What angle do you want it?'" —*Samantha Judge*

CALLING ALL HOTTIES!

Our next casting call will be held on Wednesday, November 10, from noon until 2 P.M., at 1040 Avenue of the Americas, between 39th and 40th streets in NYC.

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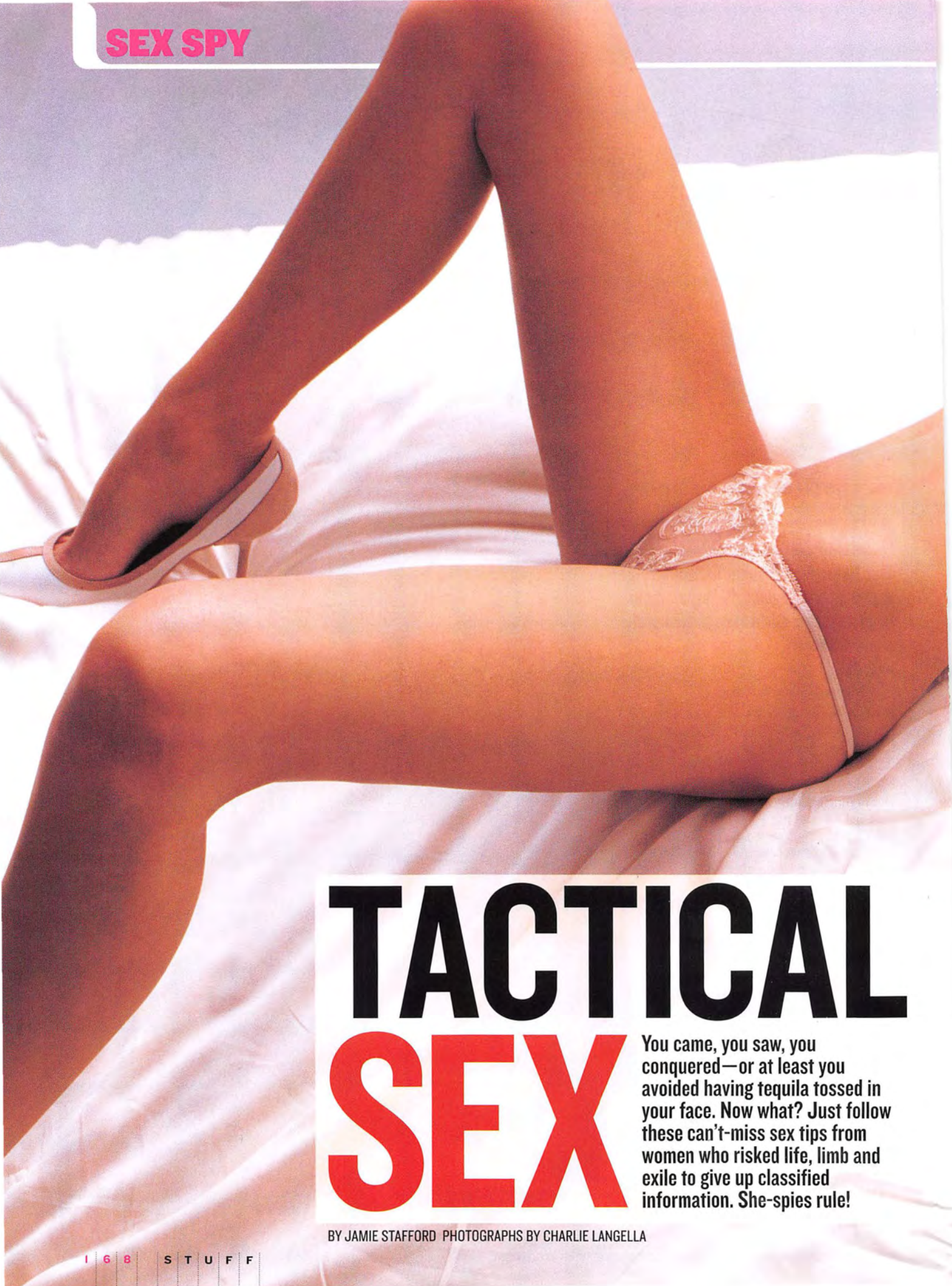

TACTICAL SEX

You came, you saw, you conquered—or at least you avoided having tequila tossed in your face. Now what? Just follow these can't-miss sex tips from women who risked life, limb and exile to give up classified information. She-spies rule!

BY JAMIE STAFFORD PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHARLIE LANGELLA

GET HER TO...
STRIP IN 30 SECONDS OR LESS

Dinner. A movie. Drinks. A 20-minute massage. It takes a lot of work to get a woman back to the state she was in on the day she was born—totally naked. Researchers are trying to fix that with an aphrodisiac called PT-141. It targets the brain's sexual-arousal center, so if she's already interested in you, she'll attack you the way a tiger in a cage attacks a German of indeterminate sexuality. Until then, here are techniques to charm her panties off with minimal time and effort expended.

"My boyfriend sends me dirty e-mails at work. He'll ask me if I want to have sex in a naughty way, and I'll write back, 'Meet me at the house during lunch.'" —Jill, 25

"Surprise me in the shower. I'm already naked, and that kind of spontaneity is so incredibly hot. So is the actual sex—when his hands are all over me, I'm bent over and water is just pouring down on us as we're going at it." —Jenny, 24

"Undress me slowly. I usually get too impatient and rip my clothes off myself." —Neve, 29

"The more turned on a man is by me, the more turned on I am. And I don't know about you, but I tend to get naked when I'm turned on. I have a few scars on my legs and a unique birthmark on my arm, and when a guy tells me how beautiful they are, I thank him with some mind-blowing sex." —Christine, 23

"Be forward and very clear. Whisper what you intend to do very close to my ear, and if I don't demur, take me by the hand, lead me to bed and do exactly what you said." —Natalie, 36

"My ex and I would have the best sex whenever I'd be on my way to a party and he'd be going out with his friends. One time, I was putting on my makeup, and he looked at me and said, 'You are the most beautiful woman I've ever seen.' It sounds cheesy, but I took him down right then and there." —Claudia, 23

GET HER TO...
THINK YOU'RE A SEX GOD

Looking for some sex techniques that will have both of you howling? Awesome! We just so happen to have some right here. Funny how we're so, like, in sync, isn't it? Um...wanna hang out some time? OK, fine, be that way. Why don't you just read this damn section. ▷▷▷

Styling: Amit Gajwani. Hair: Neil Wilson. Makeup: Sylvester @ Bernstein & Andriulli. Prop Styling: Eyal Baruch. Illustration: Jason Johnson with Rob Ro. For clothes, see the Credits page.

"It's awesome if he asks me what I like—and then actually tries it! One guy I hooked up with said, 'I want to taste you all night long. Just lie back and enjoy.'" —Deanna, 25

"For me, it's all about a guy who multitasks. When we're in bed, he'll have one hand on my breast and the other down below—while we're having sex. All of that effort makes me want to return the favor tenfold." —Tara, 25

"I have trouble orgasming, and my boyfriend wasn't afraid to try anything to get me there. One night, we brought in some help: While we were having sex, we had this crazy vibrator going full blast on my clitoris. We both had a lot of fun with it." —Melanie, 23

"I love a guy who can take a hint. If I'm having sex and I'm on top, the only way I can orgasm is for the guy to kiss my breasts. When my guy does it—and I don't have to push his head there—I go nuts." —Rachael, 29

ONE NIGHT ONLY! SEX WITH STRANGERS!

Nice girls don't. But who likes nice girls? For some nice, casual sex with strangers, book a flight to Norway, Vietnam or Iceland, where you'll trip over all the one-night stands! That's some sexy stumbling, don't you think?

"Go on vacation. My friend and I met these guys out, and they invited us back to their place...where I had sex with one of them in the Jacuzzi. I got to live out my own little fantasy of sex with a stranger in an exotic place without anyone finding out about it. He didn't know my last name, and I lied about my first name. When I'm on vacation, I can be whoever I want." —Tamara, 20

"Confusion works on me. I was having dinner with a friend, and when we got to his place, he unexpectedly lunged at me with some very intense kissing. As things progressed, he pulled my skirt over my head and my tube top down to my feet. I barely had a chance to say no. Plus, his undressing style was so strange that I was curious to see where it would lead." —Ellie, 31

"Are you going to just stand there, or are you going to take me?" this woman would never, ever say to us.

GET HER TO... UNLEASH THE ANIMAL WITHIN

According to a study conducted at UCLA, the majority of women fantasize about being touched by you. In fact, there's a chance that the woman sitting next to you is actually a nasty mattress monkey who wants to swing from your headboard. Yes, her. Please don't tease the animals...unless you mean business.

"My ex and I would have sex in the middle of the day at the school where we both worked. We'd be in my office, and he'd say, 'I can't leave this room without having you.' The whole thing was so kinky, I had to do it." —Karen, 30

"We were in a park one night, joking around about having sex on these rocks...so I took off all my clothes and took the joke to the next level." —Danielle, 26

"If there's something I wanted to try with my last partner but thought I'd be too embarrassed to do and still go out with him, I might try it on a one-nighter." —Neve, 29

"My boyfriend and I were talking about sex and ended up at a sex-toy store. He was like, 'Just look around and see if there's anything you want to try.' We bought restraints and this techno-bunny vibrator. The lady we bought them from said, 'God, I wish I were going home with you guys—he's going to have to peel you off the ceiling after you use this!'" —Jill, 25

"Really, really good oral sex. Do that and I'll be into anything. In general, if it's your boyfriend and he's making you feel good, you want to make him feel good. One time, my boyfriend started touching me while he was driving, and it felt so great that I went down on him right there." —Jasmine, 20

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THE DOCTORS SAY THE SORE SHOULD HEAL SOON

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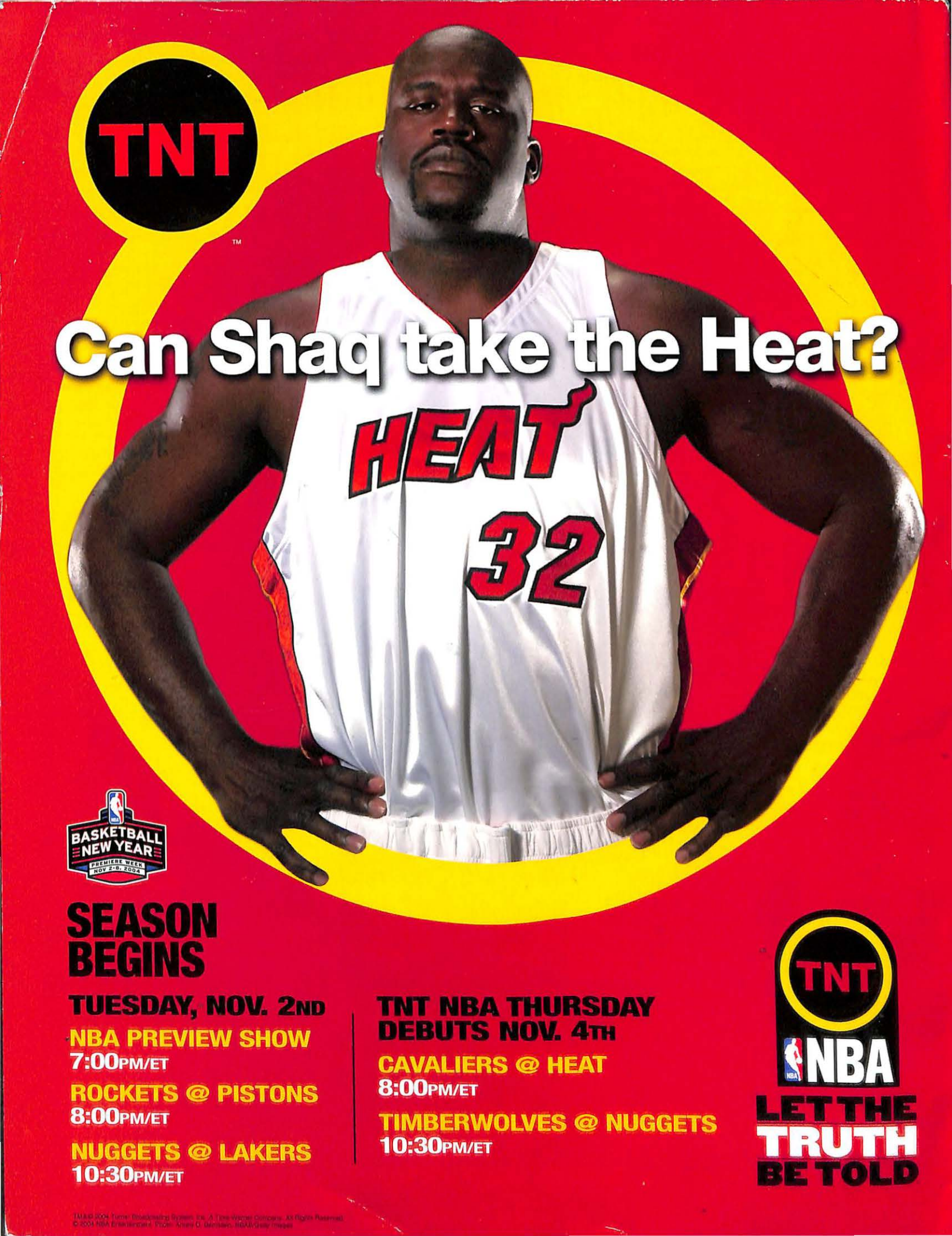
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